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THE
FODDER GRASSES

OF
NORTHERN INDIA.

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PREFACE.

I HAVE attempted in the following pages to give a short account of the more important kinds of grasses that are used in the plains of Northern India, either for fodder or forage. Several of the plains species extend up to considerable elevations on the Himalaya, but I have omitted all mention of those which are exclusively Himalayan.

The area of country to which this report refers, and which coincides with that over which my botanical investigations generally will in future be conducted, extends from the North-West frontier, and includes the Punjab, the North-West Provinces and Oudh, Sindh, Rájputána, Central India, and the Central Provinces.

The books and pamphlets which have been specially consulted in the preparation of this work are:—

Aitchison, Catalogue of Punjab and Sindh Plants.

Atkinson, Economic Products of the N.-W. Provinces, Part VI.

Baden Powell, Handbook of the Economic Products of the Punjab.

Baker, Flora of the Mauritius and the Seychelles.

Bentham, Flora Australiensis, Vol. VII.

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Bentley and Trimen, Medicinal Plants.

Boissier, Flora Orientalis, Vol. V.

Brändén, Forest Flora of North-West and Central India.

Cosson and Durieu, Flore d'Algerie.

De Candolle, L'Origine des Plantes Cultivées.

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Kunth, Enumeratio Plantarum.
Lindley and Moore, Treasury of Botany.
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Munro, Monograph of the Barabuseæ in Trans. Linn. Soc. Vol. XXVI.
Oliver, First Book of Indian Botany.
Palisot de Beauvois, Agrostographie.
Parlatore, Flora Italiana, Vol. I.
Reichenbach, Icones Floræ Germanicæ.
Roxburgh, Flora Indica.
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 Settlement Reports of districts in the Punjab.
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 „ A Report on certain Grasses and Forage Plants for Cultivation in the South and South-West, 1887.

My annual visits to the Royal Botanical Gardens, near Calcutta, have been of much advantage, more particularly in connection with the strictly botanical portions of this work. In addition to an excellent library, there is the splendid herbarium in which grasses from all parts of India are largely represented. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to Dr. King, the Director, for his generous help on every occasion of my visiting the garden.

The Saharanpur herbarium now contains a very fair representative collection of Indian grasses. I have myself collected largely in the N.-W. Provinces, in Rájputána, and Bundelkhand. I am also very greatly indebted to many contributors for valuable collections obtained from districts that I have not yet had opportunities of visiting. In this way some very useful collections have recently been procured for

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me through the kindness of the Conservators of Forests of the Panjab, Oudh, the Central Provinces, and Hyderabad.

Separate collections were received from each of the following divisions:—

Central Provinces,	{ Chānda.* Balaghāt. Nagpur. Seoni.	Punjab,	{ Lahore. Rāwalpindi. Mooltan. Jhelum.	Oudh,	{ Pilibhit. Kheri. Bhirn.
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Mr. A. E. Lowrie, the officer in charge of the Ajmere and Merwāra forests, has sent me a very complete collection of the grasses of that part of Rājputāna, together with vernacular names and many useful notes.

From Capt. G. Wingate, Assistant Commissary General, I have frequently received grasses to be named; and, as the specimens were mostly accompanied with their vernacular names, together with various notes, of which I have freely made use, these communications usually resulted to our mutual advantage.

I profited in like manner by correspondence with Mr. J. McC. Donie, C.S., a few years ago when he was engaged in settlement work in the Karnāl district.

Col. D. M. Strong has also sent me for botanical identification sets of grasses from Beluchistan, Simla, and Allahabad. I am also indebted to this gentleman for some interesting notes on Australian pasture grasses.

* This was a very fine collection, and appears to have been personally superintended during its preparation by Mr. G. Foster, the Deputy Conservator, to whom I am also indebted for additional notes subsequently contributed.

Mr. A. Wingate, C.S., C.I.E., late of Udaipur, sent me a large and valuable collection of native-named fodder grasses from that district.

I have received an interesting collection of grasses from the Salt Range, prepared by Dr. Warth, who has recently been investigating the coal resources of that district.

Bhai Sādhu Singh, and Pundit Sunder Lal, forest officers attached respectively to the Jeypur and Patiala States, have each contributed useful collections accompanied with vernacular names.

From the Commissariat Department, in addition to Capt. Wingate's contributions, I have received native-named sets from Allahābad, Bareilly and Rāwalpindi.

Professor Hackel of St. Pölten, Hungary, who is at present engaged in the preparation of a monograph of the grass family for the new edition of DeCandolle's "Prodromus," has recently favoured me with many valuable notes on some specimens of Indian grasses despatched to him from the Sahāranpur herbarium. I have by this means been able to give greater accuracy to the nomenclature of many of the species enumerated in the following pages.

I wish also to acknowledge with gratitude the kind assistance rendered by Sir W. Davies, K.C.S.I., late Financial Commissioner of the Punjab, Mr. R. S. Whiteway, C.S. and Mr. G. G. Palmer, C.E., in the way of additions and corrections in the alphabetical list of vernacular names. This list, together with the equivalent botanical names, will, it is hoped, prove useful in facilitating the identification of many of the Indian grasses.

Concerning the material which constitutes the main portion of the book, it will be found that the genera are arranged strictly in accordance with the "Genera Plantarum" of Benthām and Hooker, the species being placed alphabetically under each genus.

The analytical table given on page xiii is intended for the use of those persons who may wish to follow up the subject for themselves, and to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the genera of Indian grasses.

A short glossary of the technical terms which occur in the descriptive portions of this work is given on page ix.

There are many jungle plants not belonging to the grass family, which are readily eaten by cattle, and some of them are without doubt more nutritious than a large number of the grasses enumerated in this

work. They include trees, shrubs and herbs. The fodder-yielding trees and shrubs are especially useful during seasons of drought when herbaceous vegetation becomes scanty. Sufficient attention has not hitherto been given to this source of fodder supply, which is capable of being greatly developed. The economic value of trees and shrubs so far as they contribute towards the value of forests in the way of fuel &c., has been to a great extent recognized, but no special measures have been undertaken to develop their capabilities for fodder purposes. Of the herbaceous vegetation a large number of plants belonging to other natural orders besides the Gramineæ are eaten by horses and cattle promiscuously along with the ordinary grasses. Those which are known to possess nutritious qualities should be encouraged; for, in addition to their value as forage, they no doubt, in many cases, serve to protect the roots of the grasses amongst which they grow, as well as to fill up what would be bare spaces if the ground supported only grass. Considering the importance of many of these non-gramineous fodder plants, e.g., babul (*Acacia arabica*), jband (*Prosopis spicigera*), ber (*Zizyphus nummularia*), and a host of annuals, the subject is worthy, I think, of being specially investigated.

The two parts of nature-printed illustrations will together form a convenient companion volume to this book. I am glad of another opportunity of congratulating Mr. T. D. Bona, the able Superintendent of the Thomason College Press, Roorkee, for the skill with which he has succeeded in producing so many faithful portraits.

The six plates included in this work were lithographed at the Thomason College Press from drawings copied by my draftsman, H. Hormusji, from figures in the "Agrostographie" of Palisot de Beauvois, from Reichenbach's "Icones Floræ Germanicæ," and a few from Bentley's and Trimen's "Medicinal Plants."

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INTRODUCTION.

THE family Gramineæ, to which every kind of grass in the botanical sense belongs, is a very natural one; that is to say, the structural characters which distinguish it from other families are clearly defined. They also possess a superficial resemblance in common by which they can at once be identified as members of one family.

Amongst the characters by which the various grasses may be distinguished, the one from the other, are many which are sufficiently obvious to any observant person, and do not require any very special knowledge of botany to be recognized. Some, for instance, such as bamboos, have thick woody stems, and grow to the size of trees, whilst others are small and succulent, lasting only for one year or less from germination to the ripening of the grain. The habit of growth is often a sufficiently distinguishing character; the long creeping stems of dūb (*Cynodon Dactylon*), for instance; and the tendency to climb which is the normal condition of *Anthistiria scandens*, *Apluda aristata*, and some others. The arrangement of the flowers, known technically as the inflorescence, offers many conspicuous distinctions which characterize genera, or groups of species. The presence or absence of hairs, bristles, or spines on or around the florets are superficial characters and easily recognized, as also the colour of the pubescence whether white, reddish, or golden. Some species emit a sweet aromatic perfume; others are highly scented during the process of drying. Some kinds grow in isolated clumps, whilst others are gregarious, extending over large areas in the form of pasture. Some grasses are found only near water; others appear to prefer dry sandy ground. Clay soils and calcareous soils have each their characteristic species; and certain kinds appear to flourish better in shady places.

The distribution of particular species over wide areas of country is largely due to agricultural extension, for certain kinds are nearly always to be found associated with cultivated crops. A knowledge of the habitat of a plant is very frequently of great assistance towards its identification.

The occurrence of certain kinds of grasses in particular localities is determined to a great extent by climate; some species, and often entire genera, being restricted to the plains, whilst others cannot exist below certain elevations on the hills. Moisture influences to a great

consists of three or more chaff like scales, called glumes, of which the two



outer, or lowest, are usually empty, and are differently shaped from the others. The third and succeeding glumes, if there be more than three, are the flowering glumes, each of which normally contains a small scale, usually transparent and with two lateral nerves; this is called the pale. Within the pale is the real flower consisting of minute scales, usually only two, called lodicules, and three stamens, rarely more or less, with long filaments, supporting anthers which are attached by their middle (versatile). In the centre, surrounded by the stamens and lodicules, is the ovary, 1-celled, and containing a single ovule. At the top of the ovary are the two feathery styles. The grain, *i. e.*,

the matured ovary, contains a single seed consolidated with the pericarp, or outer skin of the grain. The embryo lies at one side at the base of the seed, and is surrounded by a thick farinaceous substance known as albumen or perisperm.

The above are some of the prevailing characters of the family, but there are many exceptions; for instance, the stems of some of the perennial kinds become woody, as in bamboos, many of which attain to the size of trees, and their stems are frequently solid throughout. The greatest variation occurs in the structure of the spikelets. They are sometimes monocious, as in Indian corn, which bears male and female clusters of spikelets on different portions of the plant. The spikelets may be 1-flowered (*Plate E., Fig. 27*), or 2- or more-flowered (*Plate E., Fig. 26a*; and *Plate E., Fig. 29a*). The florets of each spikelet may be perfect (*Plate A., Fig. 1c*), *i. e.*, with both stamens and pistil, or with only one set of organs (unisexual) (*Plate A., Fig. 6a*), or without either stamens or pistil (neuter); and sometimes without even the pale, in which case the floret is represented by a single scale or glume. In the same spikelet there may be both perfect and imperfect florets (*Plate A., Fig. 5, b*). In rice the lower empty glumes are minute, or reduced to bristles. In Panicum the outer empty glume is usually very much smaller than the other (*Plate A., Fig. 4*), whilst in Paspalum it is wanting altogether. The midrib of some of the glumes, usually the flowering one, is often furnished with a bristle, extending either from the tip or from its back; this when of a certain length is called an awn (*Plate E., Figs. 25 and 26*). These awns must be carefully distinguished from other bristles which often occur at the base of the spikelets in the form of an involucre. The true awn is represented

2. In many species of *Andropogon*, in barley, oats, and in the bearded varieties of wheat. Examples of the involueral bristles occur in the genera *Pennisetum*, and *Setaria*, to which *bājra* and *kangui* respectively belong. The stamens, which are normally three in number, are sometimes reduced to two (*Plate B., Fig. 10, Plate D., Fig. 21, Plate E., Fig. 23*), or one whilst in rice there are as many as six (*Plate B., Fig. 7, b*).

THE NUTRITIVE VALUE OF INDIAN GRASSES.—Very little is known regarding the actual feeding value of our commonest fodder grasses. What we do know is chiefly of a relative nature. Close enquiry amongst graziers and intelligent zamindars indicates in a general kind of way what are the best available grasses in any one district, but the opinions obtained from different districts are often very contradictory. For instance, a particular kind of grass may be highly valued in one part of India and despised elsewhere. Many widely distributed species do, no doubt, vary in actual nutritive value according to the climate. It may also happen, that the actual value of any particular grass remaining constant, its relative value varies in proportion to the general standard of excellence attained by the grasses of different districts. In these and many other cases the only sure method of ascertaining the true value of grasses is by chemical analysis. A large portion of an analyst's work would tend to confirm by rational methods, the facts which had been empirically ascertained. His original investigations would lead him to discover to what extent the variations of climate and soil tend to alter the nutritive value of certain grasses. There are many grasses in India, which, on account of their being sparingly distributed, have hitherto been more or less overlooked. By chemical analysis the intrinsic nutritive value of many of these rarer species might very possibly be found equal to that of the best known fodder grasses. Such kinds, however, to be rendered practically useful, would have to be encouraged by cultivation, or by special means of protection; for the value of any particular grass for fodder or forage purposes does not, after all, depend so much on its nutritive qualities as on its being available in sufficient quantity. The prevailing spontaneous species of a district will, as a rule, therefore, be found to head the list in regard to utility.

GRASS RESERVES.—In a general way it is found that the periodical protection of grass lands has a direct advantage. Many of our most nutritious perennial grasses manage to exist on ground which presents a most unpromising appearance. They seem to have acquired the power of adapting themselves to withstand the trying effects of long-continued droughts, and the unrestricted cropping by goats and other animals. Nevertheless, they possess capabilities of vigorous growth, and respond

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immediately under the influence of favouring conditions, whether natural or artificial. Of the natural incentives to recuperative growth the most beneficial is seasonable rainfall. In the case of large areas of grass land, the only way in which we can assist nature during the critical periods of deficient rainfall, is by preventing indiscriminate grazing. The effects of over-grazing are not only directly injurious to grass-vegetation, but indirectly in consequence of the destruction of young trees and shrubs, under the shade of which many kinds of grasses find sufficient protection to be available as fodder long after every blade, not so protected, is shrivelled up and destroyed. Before proceeding to make arrangements for the formation of grass reserves, it should first of all be ascertained whether the existing grasses are of sufficient value as fodder or forage to justify the cost of such protection. Every grass reserve should contain a large percentage of the best of the prevailing indigenous species of the district, rather than be stocked with introduced kinds, however superior they may prove to be in other localities. Attention should also be directed to the extension of all the really good local kinds in the place of useless or noxious weeds. There are certain tracts of country, however, where the natural or indigenous grasses are found to be very deficient in nutritive value, and which can be advantageously replaced by superior kinds introduced from other countries. In New Zealand, for instance, I am told that an acre of land, where only the indigenous grasses exist, will support only one sheep; whereas three to six, or more, can be maintained on an acre which has been sown with grass seed introduced from Europe.

THE PRESERVATION OF FODDER.—During ordinary seasons, when the rainfall is up to the average, the yield of fodder throughout Northern India, in the form of grass alone, must be very largely in excess of actual requirements. A very large portion, however, of the spontaneous or indigenous fodder supply is practically unavailable for the same reason that the value of the produce of some forests diminishes according to the distance to the nearest suitable market. Nevertheless, many outlying grass tracts can be utilized to some extent by driving the cattle to such places for grazing purposes; in fact there are certain classes of graziers, who both in the plains and on the hills habitually migrate with their herds to distant localities during the different seasons of the year. Notwithstanding this, there must be a very large quantity of good grass which is never grazed nor cut for fodder. During seasons of long continued drought the whole of the spontaneous growth of grass within the area affected is suddenly checked, and the supply of fodder from this source becoming reduced, to a minimum the usual results take place, viz., the loss or impoverishment of an immense number of cattle. The custom of migrating from one

EXPLANATION OF SOME OF THE TECHNICAL TERMS AS APPLIED TO THE STRUCTURE OF GRASSES.

Acuminate.—Tapering gradually to a point.

Adnate.—Partially or wholly united.

Amplexicaul.—Applied to sessile leaves, bracts or glumes, which clasp the stem or rachis at their base.

Androgynous.—Composed of both male and female florets.

Appressed.—Lying flat against or together for the whole length.

Articulato.—Jointed.

Auricled.—With rounded ear-like projections.

Awn.—A bristle-like hair proceeding either from the summit or from the back of a glume.

Bract.—Applied usually to leaf-like organs situated between the foliage leaves and the flowers. In grasses they are usually the uppermost leaves surrounding the clusters of spikelets or each separate spikelet, and are either spathe-like, as in *Apluda* and *Anthistiria*, or setiform, as *Setaria* and *Pennisetum*.

Cleft.—Cut about half way down.

Collateral.—Standing side by side.

Confluent.—Blended into one, or passing by degrees the one into the other.

Connate.—Applied to pairs of leaves or bracts which are opposite and amplexicaul.

Dichotomous.—Forked in pairs.

Digitate.—Applied to two or more terminal spikes radiating from one point.

Distichous.—Disposed in two vertical ranks.

Dorsal.—Referring to the back or outer side of a glume.

Fasciculate.—In clusters.

Flowering glume.—The glume opposite to the pale, and which with it encloses the true floret.

Glumes.—Oblat-like bracts enclosing the florets of a spikelet.

Grain.—The mature fruit.

Hermaphrodite.—Applied to a floret which has both stamens and pistil.

Heterogamous.—Bearing two kinds of florets.

Homogamous.—Applied to a spikelet containing one kind of floret, either male or female.

Hyaline.—Thin and transparent.

Imbricate.—Overlapping like the tiles on a roof.

Inflorescence.—The arrangement of the spikelets on the flowering stem.

Internodes.—Portions of the stem or rachis between each node or joint.

Involucre.—A collection of two or more bracts surrounding the base of a spikelet.

Lanceolate.—Shaped like a lance.

Ligule.—A thin scarious projection from the summit of the sheath of a leaf.

Lodicules.—Minute scales situated outside the stamens, usually 2-3 in number, but sometimes wanting.

Membranous.—Thin and soft.

Mucronate.—Abruptly tipped with a short point.

Nodes.—The thick solid part of the stem from which the leaves take their rise; also applied to the joints of a rachis.

Ovoid.—Egg-shaped, but with the broad end downwards.

Pale.—Usually a thin almost transparent scale opposite to and a little higher on the axis than the flowering glume.

Panicle.—Like a raceme, but the pedicels are branched.

Pedicol.—The ultimate branch of an inflorescence supporting a spikelet.

Peduncle.—The main stem of an inflorescence up to the first or lowest branch. Beyond this is the main rachis.

Pericarp.—The fructified ovary.

Perennial.—Lasting year after year.

Raceme.—Like a spike, but with pedicelled or stalked florets.

Rachilla.—The axis of a spikelet.

Rachis.—The main axis of an inflorescence.

Rudimentary.—Undeveloped or abortive.

Secund.—Directed to or facing one side.

Sessile.—Without a stalk.

Spicate.—Arranged in a spike.

Spike.—A collection of sessile spikelets on a common rachis.

Spikelet.—One or more florets enclosed within one or more pairs of empty glumes.

Stipe.—A stalk.

Stipiform.—Stalk-like.

Subulate.—Awl-shaped.

Terete.—Cylindrical.

Thyrus.—An ovate panicle.

Unisexual.—Having flowers of one sex only.

Verticillate.—When the spikelets are in whorls or verticils.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERA OCCURRING IN THE PLAINS OF NORTH-WESTERN INDIA.

SERIES A. Panicaceæ.—Pedicel jointed below the spikelet or cluster of spikelets. Fertile floret solitary (except in *Isachne*) and terminal, with sometimes a single male or sterile one below it.

TRIBE I. Paniceæ.—Spikelets hermaphrodite, in spikes or panicles; rachis of inflorescence not jointed; flowering glume not awned, becoming hard as the grain ripens.

* Panicle spike-like, spikes simple or digitate or more or less scattered along a common peduncle. Pedicels not jointed.

Spikelets in one or two rows on one side of the flattened rachis of each spike. Each spikelet consists of one perfect flower enclosed within the two membranous outer glumes. Flowering glume hard and thick embracing the hard and thick pale. (*Kodon*, &c.).

Paspalum, p. 1.

Inflorescence paniculate, branches simple and spike-like. Glumes as in *Paspalum*, but attached to a thickening of the pedicel above the joint.

Eriochloa, p. 2.

Panicle spreading. Spikelets 2-flowered, small. Glumes 4, the two lower empty ones nearly equal and usually persistent below the joint, the two upper fruiting ones equal and hardening.

Isachne, p. 2.

Inflorescence usually paniculate, simple or compound, rarely reduced to a simple spike. Spikelets small, 1-flowered or with a male floret below it. Outer glumes 2, of which one is usually much smaller or even wanting. Grain enclosed in the hardened glume and pale. (*Sativak, china, Guinea grass*, &c.). (*Vide Plate A., Figs. 1 to 4.*)

Pantoum, p. 3.

Panicle branches simple, scattered, secund. Spikelets

clustered, on one side of the rachis. Glumes 4, the two lower empty ones awned.

OPLISMENUS, p. 18.

Spikelets in a dense cylindrical spike or narrow thyrsus, furnished with stiff persistent bristles (sterile branchlets) on the pedicels below the joint. (*Kangni*, &c.).

SETARIA, p. 14.

** Inflorescences spicate. Pedicels jointed below a bristly or scaly involucre which encloses 1—3 spikelets.

Involucre double, the outer whorl composed of stiff bristles, the inner of hard scales connate at the base.

CENCHRUS, p. 15.

Involucre composed of weak simple or feathery bristles. (*Dhama* or *angam*; *Ujira*, &c.). (*Vide Plate A., Fig. 5*).

Pennisetum, p. 16.

TRIBE II. *Maydeta*.—Spikelets unisexual. Male florets in terminal spikes. Female florets in spikes at the lower nodes, or in a separate inflorescence, ultimately breaking up at the jointed nodes (except in *Zea*).

* Spikes with the male spikelets attached to the upper nodes, and the female spikelets solitary or in pairs at the base of the spikes.

Spikes stalked, female spikelets 1—2 at the base of the spike. Bract, sheathing, ultimately enclosing the grain and becoming globose and stone-like. Tall perennial grasses, usually growing in or near water. (*Vide Plate A., Fig. 6*).

COIX, p. 18.

Spikes projecting from a sheathing bract. Female spikelets 1-flowered, at the base of the spikes. Outer empty glume globose or ovoid, thick and stony, enclosing the spikelet. Habit similar to that of *Coix*.

CHIONACHNE, p. 19.

** Male spikes many, in a terminal panicle; female axillary and sessile.

Female spikes fasciculate within the sheaths of the leaves, each spike partially enclosed within a large bract. Spikelets in a single row. A tall succulent annual introduced from Mexico. (*Tlosinté*).

EUCHLÆNA, p. 19.

Female spikes axillary, very large, and enveloped in leaf

bracts; the spikelets densely packed in many rows on a thick spongy rachis. (*Indian corn*).

ZEA, p. 19.

TRIBE III. *Oryzæ*.—Spikelets in panicles, not articulated with the rachis. Pales 0.

Glumes 2, lower one awned. Stamens 6. An aquatic species, often floating on the surface of the water.

HYDRORHIZA, p. 20.

Glumes 4, the two outer minute or setiform, the upper inner ones (the pales of some authors) rigid, the outer of which is sometimes awned. Stamens 6. (*Rice*). (*Vide Plate B., Fig. 7*).

ORYZA, p. 20.

Glumes 2, membranous, not awned. Stamens 6 or fewer.

LIXERIA, p. 21.

TRIBE IV. *Tristegines*.—Spikelets jointed with the pedicel, hermaphrodite, solitary, in pairs, or fasciculate. Flowering glumes hyaline or membranous, awnless or with a bent awn.

Spikelets crowded or in fascicles along the branchlets of the panicle, 1-flowered. Glumes 4, the two lowest empty, pointed; the third one empty or enclosing a male floret. Glume of fertile floret with a twisted awn bent near the middle.

ARUNDINELLA, p. 21.

Panicle loose, branches and pedicels slender. Glumes 4, the outer one with a ring of hairs at its base, second silky hairy on the back and with a long slender awn between the teeth, terminal one much shorter and awnless.

RYTHCHELYTRUM, p. 21.

Spikelets very small, arranged in fascicles on the numerous long branchlets of the large panicle. Glumes 4, not awned. A tall handsome grass with broad leaves.

TISSANOLENA, p. 21.

TRIBE V. *Zoysiæ*.—Spikelets hermaphrodite, or a few of them imperfect. Pedicels singly scattered or alternate along the inarticulate rachis of the spike.

Spikelets in clusters of 3—5, arranged all round the axis of the simple compact spike, the terminal one sterile. Glumes 2—3, lowest one very small or wanting; upper larger, stiff, and covered on the back with

hooked bristles. A small erect annual. (*Vide Plate B., Fig. 8*).

TRAGUS, p. 21.

Spikelets in a lax raceme, solitary or rarely in pairs on each pedicel, small, and stalked. Glumes 3, lowest stiff, deeply concave and mucronate on the back. A small rigid annual.

LATIFOLIA, p. 22.

Spikelets in a long slender spike-like raceme, nearly sessile. Glumes 3, the two lower ones linear, stiff, with slender terminal awns. (*Vide Plate B., Fig. 9*).

PEROTIS, p. 22.

TRIBE VI. *Andropogoneae*.—Spikelets in pairs at each node of the articulate rachis of the spike or of the panicle branches, or in triplets at the end of each branch, more or less surrounded by long silky hairs. Inner glume under the fertile floret smaller and thinner than the lower or outer empty ones.

* The two spikelets of each pair hermaphrodite. Inflorescence paniculate.

Panicle branches not jointed. Spikelets of each pair unequally pedicelled.

Spikelets in a dense cylindrical spike-like panicle clothed with silvery white hairs. None of the glumes awned. Stamens 2. A perennial occurring usually on wet or undrained soil. (*Vide Plate B., Fig. 10*).

IMPERATA, p. 22.

Spikelets in a loose panicle. Flowering glume awned. Stamens 3. A tall perennial grass.

MISCANTHUS, p. 23.

Panicle branches jointed. Spikelets of each pair the one sessile and the other stalked.

Spikelets small in a dense compound usually large panicle. Glumes without awns. Tall grasses with thick woody stems, and panicles densely clothed with silky hairs. (*Sugarcane, munj grass, &c.*).

SACCHARUM, p. 23.

Inflorescence as in *Saccharum*. Flowering glume awned. (*Vide Plate B., Fig. 11*).

CHIANTHUS, p. 26.

Panicle loose; branches short, ending in 3 spikelets, with occasionally one or two pairs below, as in *Chrys-*

epogon. Third glume sometimes enclosing a male floret. Terminal fertile glume awned.

SPODIOPOGON, p. 20.

Spikelets in pairs on the simple panicle branches. Branches of panicle spike-like, 2 or more, digitate or scattered along the main rachis. (*Bhābar grass*, &c.).

POLLINIA, p. 26.

Spikelets on a single spike. Second empty glume and flowering glume awned. A slender much branched ornamental grass, common on rocks.

POGONATHERUM, p. 27.

Spikes slender, solitary or in clusters. Glumes 4, the two lower ones narrow and rigid. Flowering glume awned. Stamens 2:

DIMERIA, p. 27.

** The second spikelet of each pair reduced to a stipiform rudiment. Inflorescence as in *Pollinia*.

Spikelets usually subdigitate, slender. Flowering glume with a dorsal awn from near the base. Leaf blades cordate lanceolate.

ANTHRAXON, p. 27.

*** Spikelets in simple spikes, in pairs at each notch or excavation of the rachis, the one sessile and the other stalked. Flowering glume not awned.

Spike densely clothed with long silky hairs, otherwise as in *Rotbueelia*.

ELIONURUS, p. 28.

Spike terete. Spikelets smooth, one sessile and fertile, the other stalked and sterile.

ROTBUEELIA, p. 28.

Spike terete. Spikelets all sessile, solitary, or in pairs at the lower part of the spike.

ORNIURUS, p. 29.

Spike subterete. Spikelets in pairs, one sessile fertile and globose, the other stalked and sterile. A much branched usually hairy annual. (*Vide Plate B, Fig. 12*).

MANISURIUS, p. 29.

Spike compressed, imperfectly jointed. Spikelets in pairs, one sessile and fertile, the other stalked and

sterile. Pedicels usually adnate to the rachis. (*Vide Plate C., Fig. 18*).

HEMANTHERIA, p. 30.

**** Spikelets of each pair bearing two kinds of florets.

Flowering glumes of the fertile one usually awned.

† Spikelets in many pairs along the rachis of the simple spikes or panicle branches.

Spikes 2—3, rarely solitary. The sessile spikelets have a male floret below the terminal fertile one.

ISCHLEMIUM, p. 30.

Spikes solitary. Spikelets 1-flowered, appressed, imbricate. Sessile florets of each pair fertile, all facing one side, their flowering glumes with a long twisted awn. Stalked florets male or sterile, not awned. (*Spear grass*).

HETEROPOGON, p. 32.

Spikes solitary, in pairs, or several. Sessile spikelet of each pair fertile and with a long twisted awn; the sterile spikelets smaller, awn awned. Pale small or none. (*Khas-khas, palwa, &c.*) (*Vide Plate C., Figs. 14 to 16*).

ANDROPOGON, p. 33.

Spikelets in triplets at the ends of the panicle branches, or in dense clusters.

Spikelets in triplets on the jointed branchlets of the panicle; central one sessile and fertile, the two lateral ones stalked and sterile with occasionally 1—3 additional pairs below. (*Vide Plate D., Fig. 17*).

CHRYSOPOGON, p. 39.

Spikelets as in *Chrysopogon*, but the panicle branches are scarcely jointed, and the ovate outer glume of the fertile spikelet becomes hard. (*Judr.*) (*Vide Plate D., Fig. 18*).

SODIUM, p. 40.

Spikes or clusters arranged on a leafy panicle, and composed of seven or more spikelets, four of these, i.e., two pairs, which are either empty or contain male florets, surround the three terminal spikelets in the form of an involucre. Terminal spikelets stalked, the central one fertile, the two lateral ones usually sterile. (*Vide Plate D., Fig. 19*).

ANTHISTARIA, p. 42.

Clusters small glabrous. Spikelets more or less stalked and, as well as the clusters, enclosed within sheathing bracts.

ISEILEMA, p. 43.

Spikelets with one fertile floret and a male one below it, sessile between two flattened pedicels each bearing a rudimentary or barren spikelet, the whole embraced by a sheathing bract, the bracts clustered on the branches of a leafy panicle. Terminal glume of fertile floret usually awned. (Vide Plate D., Fig. 20).

AREOLA, p. 44.

SERIES B. Poaceæ.—Pedicel continuous below the glumes (except in *Cryptis* and *Alopecurus*). Rachilla often jointed above the persistent lower glumes, and sometimes produced beyond the fertile florets in the form of a stipe. Male or rudimentary florets, when present, above the fertile one.

TRIBE VII. Phalaridæ.—Each spikelet contains one terminal hermaphrodite floret. Glumes 6 (or 5 and a pale); lowest pair empty, usually persistent below the joint; second pair (above the joint) usually empty and small, and often reduced to a bristle; upper pair, enclosing the terminal fertile floret and grain, without any continuation of the rachilla above it.

* Two empty glumes below the joint.

Spikelets in a dense spike-like panicle or thyrsus. The two inferior glumes largest, flat, and often with a winged keel; second pair narrow or reduced to bristles; upper pair thin and transparent. (*Canary grass*, &c.)

PHALARIS, p. 45.

** No glumes under the joint.

Spikelets in a dense head surrounded by 2—3 sheathing bracts. Receptacle broadly convex. Glumes 4, not awned. Stamens 2. A small diffuse grass with short stiff leaves. (Vide Plate D., Fig. 21).

CORYSIS, p. 45.

Spikelets in a dense cylindrical spike-like panicle; receptacle linear. Glumes 3 or 4, the outer ones larger, boat-shaped and keeled on the back. Male and lodicules none. Stamens 3. (Vide Plate D., Fig. 22).

TRIBE VIII. *Agrostidæ*.—Spikelets 1-flowered. Rachilla jointed above the lower empty glumes, often produced beyond the floret. Flowering glume with or without an awn. Palcs 2-nerved, usually thin and transparent.

Panicle lax. Spikelets cylindrical. Flowering glume with a terminal 3-fid awn, rigid, and closely investing the grain when mature. Slender feather-like grasses with very narrow leaves.

ARISTIDA, p. 46.

Panicle spike-like, densely cylindrical or ovoid, stalked or sessile within the upper sheaths. Flowering glume blunt, loosely covering the grain. Habit of *Cryptis*. (Vide Plate E., Fig. 23).

HELICOMLOA, p. 48.

Spikelets in lax or in spike-like panicles, minute. Flowering glumes not awned. Grain usually exposed and falling readily from the glumes. Pericarp often quite loose. (*Ucar grass*, &c.) (Vide Plate E., Fig. 24).

SPRONOLUS, p. 48.

Spikelets in a dense spike-like panicle. Outer empty glumes narrow, beaked, and ending in a fine straight awn. Flowering glumes shorter, with or without an awn. Grain enclosed within the fruiting glume. (Vide Plate E., Fig. 25).

POLYPOGON, p. 50.

TRIBE IX. *Avenæ*.—Inflorescence loosely paniculate. Spikelets with two or more perfect florets. Rachilla produced beyond the upper floret. Flowering glume with a twisted or bent awn, which is either dorsal, or terminal between two teeth.

Florets hermaphrodite, or the upper one male. Awn of flowering glume dorsal. Flowering glume rounded on the back, many-nerved. Ripid grain furrowed in front, more or less adhering to the pale. (*Oats*). (Vide Plate E., Fig. 26).

AVENA, p. 51.

Spikelets in threes at the ends of the panicle branches, 2-flowered. Lower floret male, upper hermaphrodite or female. Awn of flowering glume terminal between the two lobes.

TRISTACHYA, p. 51.

TRIBE X. Chloridæ.—Spikelets 1—many-flowered, sessile, arranged in two rows along the rachis of the unilateral spike. Rachis neither jointed nor notched (as in tribe *Hordeæ*). Inflorescence similar to that of *Paspalum*. Lowest or single perfect floret hermaphrodite. Awn when present terminal and straight, not dorsal or twisted as in *Avenæ*. Rachilla usually produced beyond the florets.

* One fertile floret in each spikelet; rarely two.

Spikes at the summit of the peduncle, 1—4. Spikelets with long capillary awns. Rachilla not produced beyond the florets. Flowering glume much shorter than the empty ones.

SCHNEEFELDIA, p. 52.

Spikes 2—6 slender, digitate at the summit of the peduncle. Spikelets small, 1-flowered, without awns. Rachilla produced beyond the floret into a small point or bristle. (*Dactylis*). (*Vide Plate E, Fig. 27*).

CYNODON, p. 52.

Spikes usually crowded at the summit of the peduncle, or in verticils. Flowering glume with a few empty glumes above it, usually awned, 1—3-nerved.

CHLORIS, p. 53.

Spikelets forming numerous, short scattered clusters which fall off at the joints. The two lower empty glumes are clothed with long feathery hairs. Flowering glume with three awns. Upper empty glumes decreasing in size upwards. A small elegant annual.

MELANOCENORUS, p. 54.

** Two or more fertile florets in each spikelet.

Spikes 1—3, at the top of the peduncle, erect, covered with long silky hairs. Spikelets crowded, 3—4-flowered. Flowering glume awned.

TETRAPOGON, p. 55.

Spikes scattered along the peduncle. Spikelets 1—3-flowered. Flowering glumes bluntish, much shorter than the somewhat awned lower empty glumes. (*Vide Plate E, Fig. 28*).

DINENIA, p. 55.

Spikes digitate or verticillate. Spikelets many flowered, sessile, crowded, flattened, unilateral. Flowering glumes

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without awns, longer than the unequally obtuse inferior empty ones. Seed transversely wrinkled, usually loose within the pericarp. (*Makra, mandua, chhimbar, &c.*) (*Vide Plate F., Fig. 29.*)

ELEUSINE, p. 56.

Spikelets small; flat, sessile or nearly so, arranged on one side of the slender spike-like branches of a long panicle. Flowering glumes without awns, longer than the lower empty ones.

LEPTOCHLOA, p. 59.

TRIBE XI. Festuaceae.—Spikelets with two or more perfect florets, rarely only 1-flowered, panicle, rarely in racemes or clusters. Flowering glumes usually without awns, which when present are terminal and straight.

Spikelets 1—2 rarely 3-flowered, in dense spike-like panicles. Flowering glumes with nine awns. In India confined to Northern Punjab.

PAPROPHORUM, p. 59.

Panicle branches long, slender, and spike-like as in *Leptochloa*. Spikelets many-flowered, narrow. Flowering glumes 3-toothed, the central one mucroniform.

DIPLOCLADIA, p. 59.

Spikelets 2—4-flowered, arranged in large branching panicles. Axis of spikelets silky hairy. Flowering glumes clothed with silky hairs, 3-nerved, 2-toothed and mucronate between the teeth. (*Tall reeds*).

ARUNDO, p. 60.

Lowest floret of spikelets male or sterile. Flowering glumes without hairs. Otherwise as in *Arundo*. (*Vide Plate F., Fig. 30.*)

PHACELIUM, p. 60.

Spikelets many-flowered, minute, crowded into compound subglobose clusters, the whole forming an interrupted spike. Flowering glumes 3-nerved, mucronate, acuminate or almost awned. Pales keeled on both sides, one or both ~~keels~~ broadly winged. A very distinct looking annual, usually occurring on a moist clayey soil. (*Vide Plate F., Fig. 31.*)

LYTHROPHORUM, p. 60.

Spikelets dimorphic, in a dense unilateral panicle; terminal one of each branchlet 1-flowered. Flowering glume and upper empty one awned. Glumes of lower

barron spikelets many, blunt, and bifariously imbricate. A small annual with handsome golden coloured inflorescences.

LAMARCKIA, p. 61.

Panicle spreading or compact. Spikelets numerous, usually many-flowered, more or less compressed. Outer glumes shorter than the distichously imbricate flowering ones. Flowering glumes 3-nerved, not awned, keel prominent. Rachilla usually persistent, rarely jointed as in *Poa*. (*Ddb*, &c.)

ERAGROSTIS, p. 61.

Panicle spike-like, densely cylindrical, or more or less interrupted towards the base. Margins of flowering glumes transparent.

KOeleria, p. 61.

Spikelets many-flowered, arranged in dense spike-like clusters. Flowering glumes broad at the apex and mucronate, 5- or more-nerved. Small prostrate grasses with short stiff almost prickly leaves. In India confined to the Punjab.

ELYNORUS, p. 60.

Panicle various, usually lax. Spikelets few-flowered. Rachilla jointed between the florets. Flowering glumes 5- or more-nerved, membranous, keeled, not awned.

Poa, p. 67.

Spikelets rather large, subterete or compressed, many-flowered. Outer glumes shorter than the florets. Flowering glumes 5- or more-nerved, rounded on the back, and usually awned from a little below the 2-cleft apex. Pale shorter than the flowering glume, with two rigid ciliate keels, adherent to the grain.

HYOMUS, p. 67.

TRIBE XII. Hordeæ.—Spikelets 1-many-flowered, sessile at the teeth or excavations on the rachis of a simple spike.

* Spikelets solitary at the nodes, 3- or more-flowered.

Spikelets many-flowered, alternate, distichous, compressed, placed obliquely on the rachis. (*Rye grass*).

LOLIUM, p. 68.

Spikelets 3-5-flowered, somewhat compressed. Margins of glumes facing the main rachis. Flowering glumes rounded on the back or keeled above, 5-9-nerved,

lateral nerves not confluent, short, or produced into teeth or distinct awns. (*Wheat*).

TRITICUM, p. 68.

** Spikelets solitary at the nodes, 1-flowered, forming a slender spike.

Spikelets completely immersed at the nodes of the slender spike, as in *Roegneria*. A very diminutive grass found on sandy waste land.

ORYZETUM, p. 69.

*** Spikelets 2 or more, collateral at the nodes. Spikelets usually in threes, 1-flowered.

Empty glumes subulate, rigid and resembling an involucre. Lateral spikelets imperfect (in 2-rowed barley) or perfect (in 6-rowed barley). (*Vide Plate F., Fig. 32*).

HORDEUM, p. 69.

TRIBE XIII. *Bambuseae*.—Tall perennial aborescent grasses.

Leaves flat, often disarticulating from the sheath. Spikelets 2-many-flowered, arranged in clusters on the panicle branches.

Empty glumes 3—6. Stamens 3 or 6.

Stamens 6. Lodicules 3, large. Pericarp thin, adnate to the seed.

BAMBUSA, p. 70.

Stamens 6. Lodicules 0. Pericarp crustaceous, free from the seed.

DENDROCALAMUS, p. 71.

EXPLANATION OF PLATES.

Figures 10, 14, 17, 18, 21 and 30 were copied from Reichenbach's "Icones Floræ Germanicæ"; Figures 26 and 32 from Bentley's and Trimen's "Medicinal Plants"; and the rest are from the "Agrostographie" of Paliset de Beauvois.

PLATE A.

Fig. 1. *Panicum Crus-Galli*, Linn.

- a. Spikelet.
- b. Male floret.
- c. Hermaphrodite floret with the flowering glume and pale removed.

Fig. 2. *Panicum miliaceum*, Linn.

Spikelet with one hermaphrodite and one male floret.

Fig. 3. *Panicum Myurus*, Lamk.

- a. Spikelet.
- b. Pistil with lodicules.

Fig. 4. *Panicum sanguinale*, Linn.

Spikelet, showing the unequal outer glumes.

Fig. 5. *Pennisetum cenchroides*, Rich.

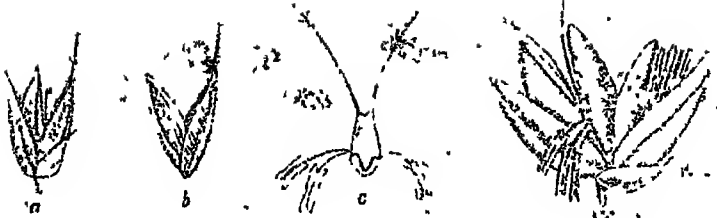
- a. Spikelet surrounded by an involucre of bristles.
- b. Spikelet containing one hermaphrodite and one male floret.

Fig. 6. *Coix Lachryma*, Linn.

- a. Spikelet of male florets.
- b. Involucre enclosing a female spikelet.
- c. Grain.

FIG. 2

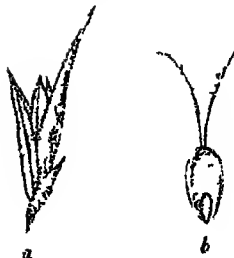
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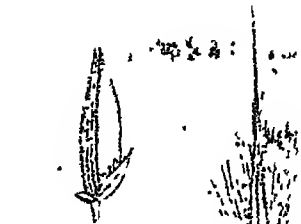
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FIG. 3.

FIG. 4

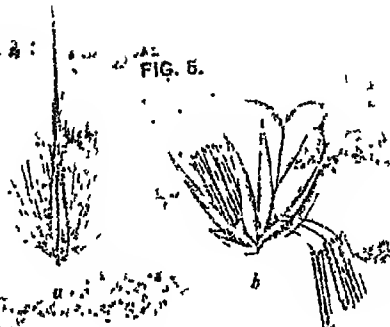


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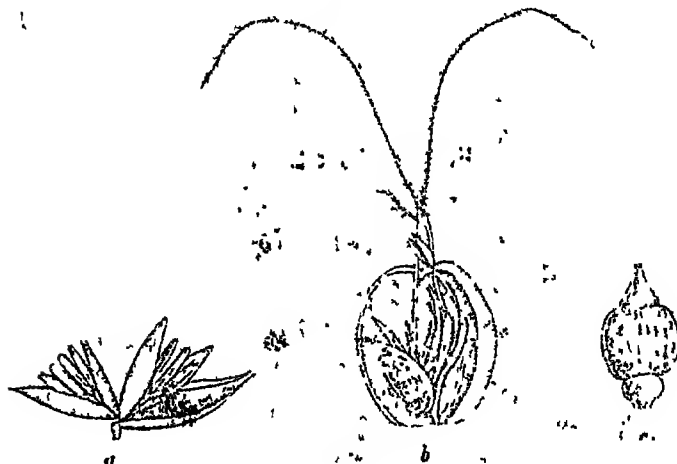
Panicum sanguinale

FIG. 5.



Pennisetum cenchroides

FIG. 6.



Coix Lacryma.

PLATE B.

Fig. 7. *Oryza sativa*, Linn.

- a. Closed spikelet showing the two inner glumes, and at their base the two minute outer glumes.
- b. Spikelet open showing the two inner glumes, the absence of pales, and the six stamens.

Fig. 8. *Tragus racemosus*, Hall.

- a. Cluster of three florets, of which the central one is sterile.
- b. Pistil with lodicules.

Fig. 9. *Perotis latifolia*, Ait.

Spikelet. The two outer glumes are awned.

Fig. 10. *Imperata arundinacea*, Cyrill.

Hermaproditic spikelet, stamens reduced to two.

Fig. 11. *Erianthus Ravennæ*, Beauv.

- a. Cluster of spikelets with detached bract.
- b. A single spikelet.

Fig. 12. *Manisuris granularis*, Swartz.

- a. Cluster of spikelets, two fertile and one male.
- b. Polygamous spikelets.
- c. Male floret.

FIG. 7.



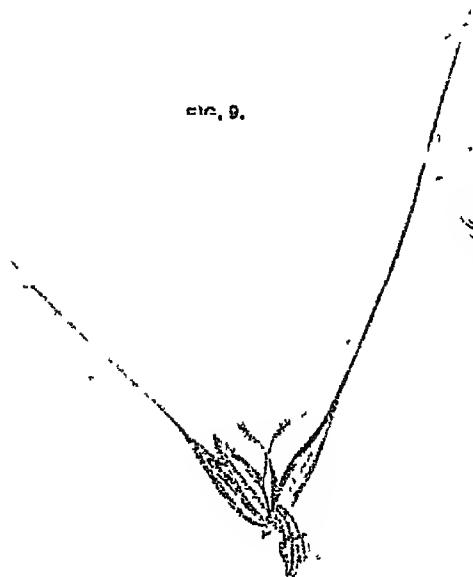
Oryza sativa.

FIG. 8.



Tragus racemosus

FIG. 9.



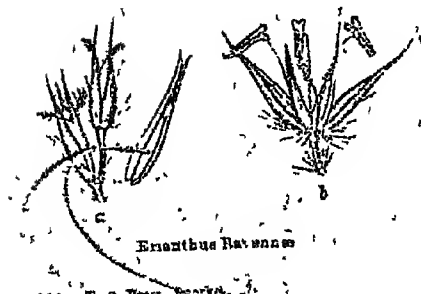
Perotis latifolia.

FIG. 10.



Imperata arundinacea.

FIG. 11.



Eriophorum latifolium

FIG. 12.



Monarda granulata

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PLATE C.

Fig. 13. *Hemarthria compressa*, R. Br.

- a.* Portion of rachis showing the embedded spikelets.
- b.* Single spikelet.
- c.* Male floret.
- d.* Female floret.

Fig. 14. *Andropogon Ischoemum*, Linn.

- a.* Cluster of spikelets, the lower sessile one fertile and awned, the upper stalked one sterile and without an awn.
- b.* Fertile floret, flowering glume reduced to a slender awn.
- c.* Male floret.

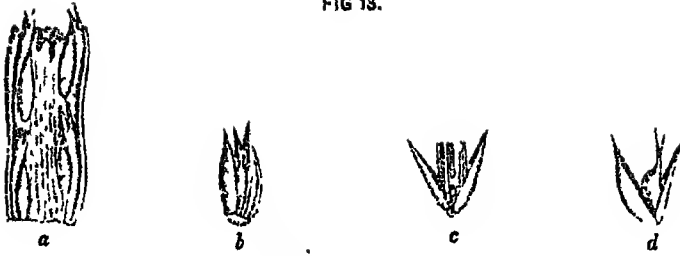
Fig. 15. *Andropogon muricatus*, Retz.

- a.* Pair of spikelets, one sessile and fertile, the other stalked and sterile.
- b.* Male spikelet.
- c.* Polygamous spikelet.

Fig. 16. *Andropogon pertusus*, Willd.

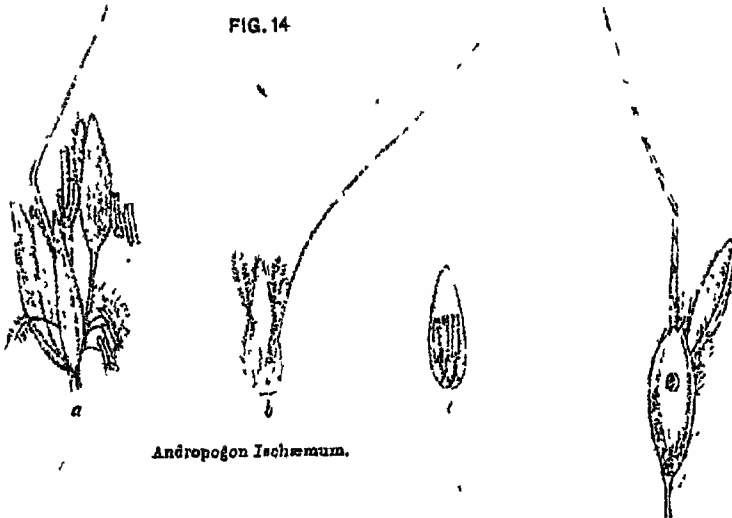
A pair of spikelets showing the pit on the back of the outer glume, and the long twisted awn of the fertile spikelet.

FIG 13.



Hemarthria compressa.

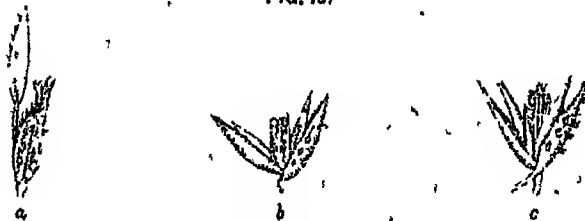
FIG. 16.



Andropogon Ischaemum.

Andropogon pertusus.

FIG. 15.



Andropogon muricatus.

PLATE D.

Fig. 17. *Chrysopogon Gryllus*, Trin.

- a Cluster of three spikelets, the central one sessile and hermaphrodite, the two lateral stalked and sterile.

Fig. 18. *Sorghum halepense*, Pers.

- a. Cluster of three spikelets, the central sessile one hermaphrodite, the two lateral stalked and sterile.
- b Hermaphrodite awned floret.
- c. Male floret.

Fig. 19. *Anthistiria ciliata*, Linn. f.

- a. Four sterile florets each composed of a single pale.
- b. Polygamous spikelet.
- c. Flowering glume and pale of male floret.

Fig. 20. *Apluda mutica*, Linn.

A cluster of spikelets with its spathe-like bract.

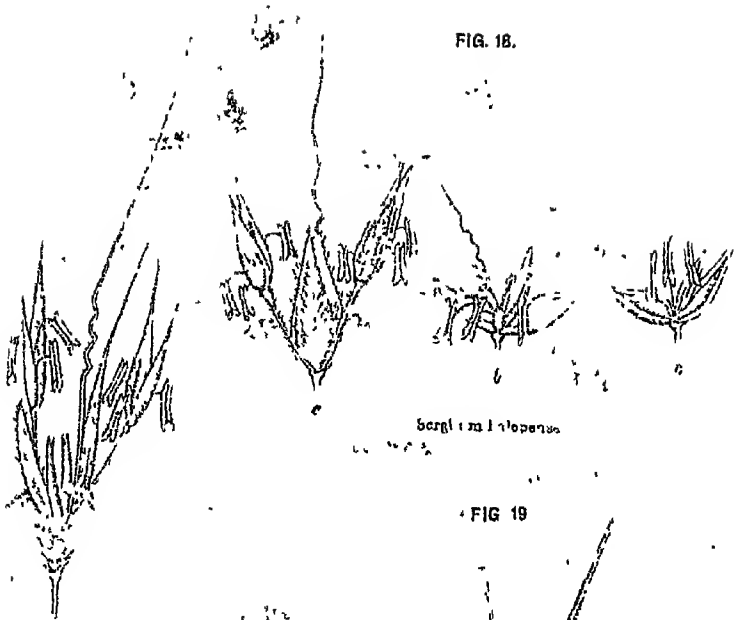
Fig. 21. *Crypsis aculeata*, Ait.

- a. Single floret deprived of its coverings. Stamens reduced to two.
- b. A Spikelet.

Fig. 22. *Alopecurus agrestis*, Linn.

- a. Flowering glume showing the dorsal awn.
- b. Pistil.

FIG. 18.



Serotima leucophaea

FIG 19

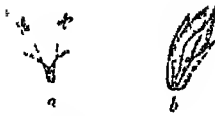
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FIG. 20.



Apluda roubex

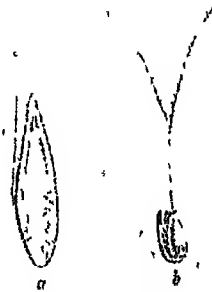
FIG. 21



Crypsia aculeata

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FIG 22.



Opuntia agrostoides

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PLATE E.

Fig. 23. *Heleochloa schœnoides*, Host.

A single floret showing the two stamens.

Fig. 24. *Sporobolus indicus*, R. Br.

a. A closed spikelet.

b. Ditto open.

Fig. 25. *Polypogon monspeliensis*, Desf.

a. Spikelet showing the long awns to the outer glumes.

b. Single floret showing the short awn on the back of the flowering glume.

Fig. 26. *Avena sativa*, Linn.

a. Single spikelet.

b. Hermaphrodite floret showing the long twisted dorsal awn to the flowering glume.

c. Ditto without the flowering glume and pale. *N.B.*—The ovary is erroneously shown as if it were composed of two distinct carpels, and the feathery stigma on the left is a little out of place.

Fig. 27. *Cynodon Dactylon*, Pers.

A single spikelet.

FIG. 23.



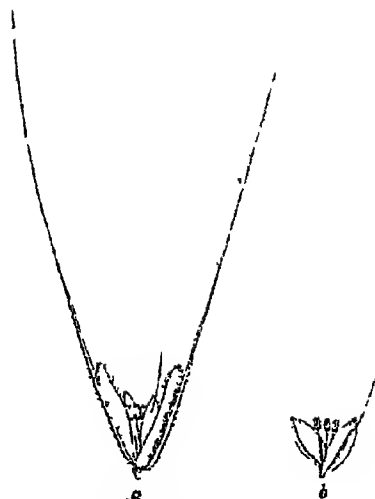
Helicochloa echinoides.

FIG. 24.



Sporobolus indicus

FIG. 25.



Polypogon monspeliensis

FIG. 27.



Cynodon Dactylon

FIG. 26.



Avena sativa



PLATE F.

Fig. 28. *Dinebra arabica*, Beauv.

- a. A spikelet containing three florets.
- b. The flowering glume.
- c. The pale.
- d. A floret deprived of its coverings.

Fig. 29. *Eleusine ægyptiaca*, Pers.

- a. A single spikelet.
- b. Flowering glume and pale.
- c. Pale enclosing the young fruit.

Fig. 30. *Phragmites communis*, Trin.

- a. Spikelet, of which the lowest floret is male.
- b. Hermaphrodite floret.

Fig. 31. *Elytrophorus articulatus*, Beauv.

- a. A cluster of spikelets.
- b. A single spikelet.
- c. Flowering glume and pale.
- d. Pistil.

Fig. 32. *Hordeum vulgare*, Linn.

- a. A single floret (terminal portion of flowering glume not shown here).
- b. Ditto with the flowering glume and pale removed.

FIG. 28.



Dianthus arabicus

FIG. 29.



Eleusine wgyptiaca.

FIG. 30.



Phragmites communis

FIG. 31.



Elytrophorus articulatus.

FIG. 32.



Hordeum vulgare.

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TRIBE I. PANICEÆ.

1. *PASPALUM*, Linn. A large genus confined chiefly to tropical and sub-tropical regions, and abundantly represented in America. It is superficially distinguished from all other genera by the inflorescence, though a few of the *Panicums* are very similar in this respect. The small empty outer glume characteristic of *Panicum* is altogether wanting. Out of 160 known species about five only occur in North-West India.

P. serobiculatum, Linn. (Plate I.) Vern.—GENERAL: *Koda*, *Lodon*; PUNJAB: *Kodra*; N.-W. PROV.: *Kodram* (Bijnor), *mārsi* (Muttra); TELING: *Aruga* (Roxb.).

Annual, glabrous. Stems many, 2 feet or more, branching, erect or ascending, compressed. Leaves narrow, gradually tapering to a fine point; sheaths long, the upper ones spathe-like, often embracing and partially concealing the spikes. Spikes 2-5, terminal and axillary, sessile, erect or spreading, 1-3 inches long. Spikelets 1-flowered, sessile, arranged in two rows on one side of a broad membranous flattened rachis. (In cultivated specimens there are sometimes three or four rows on portions of the rachis). Outer glumes nearly equal, thin, and with a prominent midrib. Fruiting glume hard and brittle. Pale rather thinner, with auricle-like projecting edges embracing the stamens and pistil. Grain enclosed by, and adhering to, the pale, smooth and roundish, about the size of a hemp seed.

Cultivated as a rainy season crop throughout the plains, and at low elevations on the Himalaya. It is usually sown on the poorer kinds of soil, the grain being chiefly consumed by the lower classes. The straw is used as fodder. It is figured in Church's "Food Grains of India," also in Part II. of "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh."

P. Kora, Willd. (Plate II.) Vern.—HIND: *Kodu*; PUNJAB: *Kora*; N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Kodela* and *kodeli* (Pilibhit and Kheri), *kudpal* and *pankhagar* (Bhira); RAJPUTANA: *Chinke* (Merwara), *sāwan dungarko* (Jeypur); CENT. PROV.: *Kudda jāri* and *kodda gadi* (Chán-

da), *kodda jari* (Seoni), *ban lodo* (Balaghāt); OṆṬIA NAḠṬṬṬ: *Kodo*; SANTALI: *Janhe*; TELINGA: *Aruga* and *neer* (Roxb.).

This is possibly the wild state of *P. scrobiculatum*, from which it differs by its decumbent stems usually rooting from the lower nodes, and by its shorter leaves. It is a common weed on low-lying marshy ground, and on river banks. Cattle, and especially buffaloes, eat it readily when it is young. Growing naturally in moist soils, its value as forage is largely increased during seasons of drought.

Of other Indian species of *Paspalum* the following are occasionally met with during the rainy season:—*P. filiculma*, Nees; *P. Royleanum*, Nees; and *P. pedicellatum*, Nees. In habit they are more closely related to some of the *Panicum* of the *Digitaria* section.

Some of the American species are highly valued both for grazing and stacking. Prof. Phares of Mississippi, quoted by Dr. Vasey in his "Report on the Agricultural Grasses of the United States," says with reference to the American *Paspalum*:—"They are all succulent, tender, nutritious, hardy, thrifty, and relished by all grass-eating animals. They fill the soil with a matting of roots, and cover the surface densely with luxuriant foliage from early spring till autumnal frosts."

2. ERIOCHLOA, H. B. & K. A genus of 5 species widely spread over the warmer parts of the globe. It agrees with *Paspalum* in having only three empty glumes, and with *Panicum* as to its inflorescence; but it differs from both in the presence of a hard cup-like disc at the top of the pedicel. One species is found in Northern India, and extends as far as Queensland.

E. polystachya, H. B. & K. (Plate XLI.) Syn.—*E. annulata*, Kunth; *Paspalum annulatum*, Flügge.

Perennial, erect, 2-3 feet high. Stems and leaves glabrous except at the nodes and mouth of sheaths. Leaf blades flat, dark green; sheaths paler, almost glaucous, somewhat inflated. Panicle narrow, 2-3 inches long; branches simple. Spikes slender, 1-1½ inches long. Spikelets narrow, tapering at the end. Flowering glume much shorter than the empty ones, coriaceous, the midrib produced into a point or short awn resembling those of the outer glumes of *Panicum helopus*.

A quick growing succulent grass, usually occurring on damp low-lying ground, but not common.

In Australia it affords fodder all the year round, and is said to be highly relished by stock.

3. ISACHNE, R. Br. A genus of about 20 species, two of which occur in the plains of North-West India. It has very much the habit of *Panicum*, but the two lower glumes, which are nearly equal, are persistent below the joint of the pedicel, a character which gives this genus an exceptional position amongst the *Panicaceæ*.

I. australis, R. Br. *Syn.*—*Panicum antipodum*, Spreng.; *P. atrovirens*, Trin. Vern.—RAJPUTANA: Mez (Mount Abu).

Stems 1 foot or more, slender, decumbent, rooting at the lower nodes. Leaves lanceolate, rough. Panicle loose, spreading, ovoid; branches numerous filiform. Spikelets stalked. Outer glumes glabrous. Lower flower usually male, and with a glabrous glume; upper one female, shortly stalked, and with its glume minutely pubescent. Rachis with a swollen joint under the upper glume.

Plains of Northern India and up to 5,000 feet on the Himalaya, usually in wet places. Symonds ("Indian Grasses," p. 33) says that horses and cattle are very fond of it.

I. albens, Trin. (*Panicum holium*, Steud.) is a taller species with larger and looser panicles. It is found occasionally in the plains, and up to 6,000 feet on the Himalaya.

4. **PANICUM**, Linn. This is the largest genus of the grass family, containing upwards of 280 species. It is represented in all tropical parts of the globe, some few extending also into temperate regions. As a genus it has no very distinctive characters in regard to habit and inflorescence, and the safest single character by which it may generally be recognized, viz., the inequality in size between the two lowest glumes, fails in the case of a few species, whilst in others the lower of these two outer glumes is altogether wanting, as in *Paspalum*. Of the Indian species several are much valued as fodder grasses owing to their abundant yield of grain, and the relatively large size of their grains. On this account we find so many species of this genus in cultivation, e.g., *P. frumentaceum* (*sauvak* or *sauvan*), *P. miliaceum* (*chena*) and *P. miliare* (*kulhi*). Guinea grass, an introduced fodder grass of great value, also belongs to this genus.

Mr. Bentham divides the genus into eleven sections, of which the following are more or less largely represented in Northern India:—

Digitaria. Spikelets usually small, in alternate pairs or clusters along one side of the simple spike-like branches of the panicle; those of each pair or cluster unequally stalked, or one of them almost sessile. The lowest glume is often very minute or deficient. Example.—*P. sanguinalis*.

Brachiarin. Panicle of spike-like simple branches on a simple common peduncle. Examples.—*P. flavidum*, *fluitans*, and *cruciforme*.

Echinochloa. Inflorescence somewhat similar to that of the preceding section, but coarse plants with densely crowded spikelets on the partial spikes or branches of the panicle, the second and third empty glumes very generally terminating in long awns. Examples.—*P. colonum*, and *Crua-galli*.

Hymenachne. Spikelets small, numerous, crowded in a long cylindrical spike-like panicle. In the typical species, *P. Myurus*, the spikelets are rather acuminate, and the fruiting glume scarcely hardens.

Eupanicum. Spikelets awnless, collected together in a more or less spreading panicle, clustered or scattered along its simple or divided branches. Examples.—*P. milaoicum*, and *jumentorum*.

Tricholomena. Panicle loose as in *Eupanicum*, but fruiting glumes not much hardened, inflorescence ciliate with long hairs. Example.—*P. Teneriffa*.

P. antidotale, Retz. (Plate III.) Syn.—*P. subalbidum*, Kunth. Vern.—TRANS-INDUS: *Male* and *shamukha* (Stewart); PUNJAB: *Gharam* (N.-West and Central), *ghamur* (E.), *girui* and *mangrur* (Stewart), *baru* and *ghamrur* (Simla and Kangra), *ghirri* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *Bar-wári* and *bari gagli* (Udaipur); SANTALI: *Layo-gundli*.

A tall glabrous perennial grass with erect stems thickened at the joints. Leaves long, linear, acuminate; ligule short and jagged. Panicle rather narrow, but loose, the lower branches in clusters, the upper usually solitary. Spikelets in sessile clusters or short spikes. Outer glume acute, less than half the length of the spikelet; second and third glumes about equal, prominently nerved, the latter enclosing a male flower; fruiting glume coriaceous, acute, smooth and shining. In general appearance it resembles Guinea grass.

Common all over the plains in hedges and amongst bushes. Opinions differ as to the quality of this grass as fodder. It is a tall coarse-looking species, and its real value commences probably at those periods when the better class of fodder grasses fails. Mr. Coldstream, writing from Hissar, says that it is grazed only when quite young, as it afterwards acquires a bitter or saltish taste. In the Sirsa Settlement Report it is mentioned that cattle eat it when dry; if they eat it green and young they are apt to swell, sometimes with fatal results. Dr. Stewart says that the smoke from this grass is used for fumigating wounds, also as a disinfectant in small-pox. In Madras it is said to be used medicinally in throat affections. It extends to N. Australia.

P. cimicinum, Retz. Syn.—*Coridothia sambata*, Nees; *Milium cimicinum*, Linn. Vern.—SIKHI (Dehra Dán).

Annual. Stems erect, 1-2 feet, sulcate, beset with barbed hairs. Leaves short, broadly lanceolate, acute, base cordate, margin fringed with hairs. Spikelets rather large, two or three together on long slender terminal racemes; second glume with a thick fringe of reddish hairs along the margin.

Plains of N.-W. India, and on the hills at low elevations. I have no information regarding its nutritive value.

P. colonum, Linn. (Plate IV.)* Syn.—*P. brizoides*, Linn.; *Opismenus colonum*, Kunth; *Echinochloa colona*, Kunth. Vern.—GENERAL: *Sawánk*; TRANS-INDUS: *Sirmakar* (Col. Strong); PUNJAB: *Sánwak* (general), *jangli sámak* or *sánwak*, *sámak* (Hissar), *chattā* (Simla Hills);

* See also Church's "Food Grains of India," Fig. 5.

BANDA: *sivacn*; ODDH: *Jharai* (Mhira), *oyia* (Khor); CENT. PROV.: *Chichoki* (Balaghât), *gâica* (Nagpur); CHUTIA NAGPUR: *Sama-ghâs*; BERAR: *Sareli*; BENGAL: *Shama* (Roxb.); TELING: *Wondoo gaddi* (Roxb.).

Annual. Stems erect, 2 feet or more in height, or decumbent and rooting from the lower nodes. Leaves glabrous, flat, linear, uncinuate. Panicle composed of several secund erect distant spikes. Spikelets sessile, in four rows on one side of the spikes. Rachis with sometimes a few empty scales (abortive spikelets?) at the base of the spike. Glumes generally with rough hairs on the nerves, often pointed, but not awned; the lower outer glume nearly half as long as the second and third, which are about equal. Flowering glume and pale coriaceous and white.

Generally considered to be one of the best kinds of fodder grass. It is abundant all over the plains, and ascends to some few thousand feet on the Himalaya. It prefers a rich soil, and is often commonly met with as a weed on cultivated ground. It is greedily eaten by all kinds of cattle both before and after it has flowered, the abundant crop of grain yielded by it adding materially to its nutritive value. The grain, which is a saleable article in the bazars, is made into "khir" by the Hindus, to be used on their fast days. Dr. Aitchison states that it is cultivated in the Jhelum District. It extends to Australia, where, it is reported, its very succulent stems grow from 2-8 feet in height.

P. Crus-Galli, Linn. (Plate V.)* *Syn.*—*P. Crus-corvi*, Linn.; *Oplismenus Crus-Galli*, Kunth; *Echinochloa Crus-Galli*, Beauv; *Orthopogon Crus-Galli*, Spreng. Vern.—GENERAL: *Sâiwak*; PUNJAB: *Bara sâiwak* (Multan), *jarotha* (Sabâth Hills), *bharti* (Hisar); RAJPUTANA: *Suma*, *horma* (Mount Abu); DOAB: *Dhawal* (Royle); CENT. PROV.: *Dari bhodore* (Seoni), *bharti* and *datia* (Balaghât), *kunda luttam gadi* (Chûnda); BENGAL: *Bura shama* and *dul* (Roxb.); TELING: *Peddâ wondoo* (Roxb.).

Rather a coarse decumbent annual with stems ascending 2-3 feet. Leaves broad and flat, without any ligule. Panicle irregularly pyramidal, usually dense, and composed of short spikes diminishing in size upwards and directed to one side. Spikelets more or less hispid hairy; rachis ciliate or bristly. Outer glume very short and broad, second and third nearly equal, the second shortly awned, and the third with long awns sometimes an inch in length. Fruiting glume smooth and polished. A very variable species as to the length of the awns, the shorter awned forms approaching *P. colonum*, which Cosson and Darien, in their work on the flora of Algeria, describe as a variety of this species.

* See also Plate A, Pls. 1, in previous Volume.

Though similar in habit to *P. colonum*, it is usually a much coarser plant, and is nearly always found in or near water. The grain is eaten by the poorer classes, and is also used for making into "khur." I am told that it is frequently sown in the Lahore District for the sake of its grain. In Rijputana it is considered to be a good fodder, though not plentiful. It extends to Australia, where it affords a large amount of feed to cattle, and is much improved by cultivation. In America, where it is known under the name of "Barn-yard grass," it appears to be highly valued. The following quotations are from Dr. Vasey's "Report on the Agricultural Grasses of the United States":—

"It is greedily eaten (at Mobile, U. S.) by horses and cattle, and makes a hay of good quality. It is justly regarded as an excellent grass, particularly before it ripens its seeds.

"In Louisiana, Mississippi, and other States, it is mowed annually, and yields as much as four or five tons of hay per acre. Two cuttings are procurable each season when mowed as soon as it begins to bloom. It re-seeds the ground, and requires no care save protection from live stock. Cows and horses are very fond of it green or dry."

P. distachyum, Linn. (Plate XLII.) Syn.—*Digitaria distachya*, Pers. Vern.—*Motia* (Doab).

Stems slender, usually creeping and rooting at the lower nodes, ascending to 1 foot or more. Leaves flat, smooth, or hairy at the mouth of the sheath. Panicle of 2-4 distant simple second branches 1-2 inches long, at first erect, afterwards spreading or reflexed; rachis with a few scattered hairs. Spikelets loosely alternate, or sometimes more numerous and arranged in two rows, ovoid, acute, glabrous. Outer glume about half the length of the spikelet, broad and with the edges overlapping each other; second and third glumes prominently 3-nerved; fruiting glume a little shorter, obtuse, hardened, and with three distinct nerves.

Not uncommon on the plains. I have received no information as to its value for fodder in Northern India, though it has all the appearance of a good fodder grass. It occurs in Australia, where it is said to be grown for hay, and is an immense yielder.

P. erucaeforme, Sibth. and Sm. (Plate XLIII.) Syn.—*P. caucasicum*, Trin. Vern.—BUNDALKHAR: *Tiliya*, *chinwari* (Lalitpur); OERST. PROV.: *Guhria* (Seoni), *loidan siput* and *sarpot* (Nagpur), *sarpot* (Chanda).

* Annual, caespitose; culms branching and bent below. Leaves and sheaths softly hairy; leaves shortly spreading, broadly lanceolate; ligule ciliate. Spikes linear, solitary, shortly peduncled, arranged along a slender hairy rachis, close together and adpressed to the axis, some-

times compound at the base. Spikelets in two rows, short, hairy, ovate; lower glume very small or wanting; flowering glume and pale shorter than the glume of the elliptic obtuse hermaphrodite floret, coriaceous, shining, glabrous.

Common on cultivated ground in black and sandy soil in Bundelkhand and Central India. It is reckoned as a fodder grass, but its relative value is not known.

P. flavidum, Retz. (Plate VI.) *Syn.*—*P. brizoides*, Jacq. *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Kangra* (Kangra), *pālon* (Patiala), *bharti* (Eastern Punjab and Doab); RAJPUTANA: *Homa* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV.: *Sānka* (Dehra Dūn), *dhanera* (Royle), *baunri* (Allahabad); OUDH: *Sathiya* and *sitiya* (Bhira); CENT. PROV.: *Paddatunga gadi* and *kura-tuke gadi* (Chānda), *chichivi* and *sama jodi* (Seoni); TELING: *Oda* and *woodoo gaddi* (Roxb.).

Annual. Stems erect, rigid, 1-2 feet high, branching below. Leaves rather broad, acute, glabrous except some hairs at the top of the sheath. Panicle of several erect distant branches or sessile spikes. Spikelets sessile, in two rows, ovoid, oblique; outer glume very short, broad and blunt; second glume the largest; upper floret usually without stamens. Grain short, oval, pointed, slightly rugose.

Common throughout the plains, and up to moderate elevations on the hills. It is considered to be a good fodder grass both for horses and bullocks. It produces a large quantity of grain, which is collected and eaten by the poorer classes in times of scarcity. It is indigenous also in Australia, and it is said that when growing on alluvial flats the panicles are often prostrate from the weight of the seed. An analysis lately made by Professor Church shows that the grain of this species contains much more indigestible fibre than any species yet examined, but is exceptionally rich in oil or fat, containing nearly twice as much of this constituent as any other kind (Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information, Royal Gardens, Kew, No. 12, 1887).

P. fulgens, Retz. (Plate XLIV.) *Syn.*—*P. brizoides*, Retz. (non Linn.) *Vern.*—BENGAL: *Peti-nar* (Roxb.); TELING: *Doosa* (Roxb.).

Perennial, floating, glabrous. Stems rooting at the lower nodes. Leaves elongate, linear, acuminate; lower sheaths inflated. Racemes often several on each stem, elongate. Spikes linear, sessile, adpressed, lower distant. Spikelets imbricate along the flattened smooth rachis of the spike, sessile, ovate oblong, acute, sub-compressed; glumes membranous, the lower one very short and truncate; the upper one not much larger, orbicular, ovate, obtuse; lower floret reduced to a membranous

ovate acute prominently 3-nerved glume; flowering glume and pale of hermaphrodite short coriaceous, ovate oblong, acute, and wrinkled.

Plains of North-West India, but not very common. It is strictly a water grass, and is usually found with a considerable portion of its stems under water. It produces an abundance of grain.

P. frumentaceum, Roxb. *Syn.*—*Oplismenus frumentaceus*, Kunth; *Echinochloa frumentacea*, Link. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Sāwān* and *sāwān*; PUNJAB: *Sama* and *sāwāk* (Plains), *sāmukā* (Sutlej basin); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Sāma* and *samī* (Dijnor), *sāwān-bhedeḥa* (Bera Banki), *jhāngora* and *jhūngara* (Him.); BENGAL: *Shama* (Roxb.); TELUGU: *Bonta-shama* (Roxb.).

An annual, 2-4 feet high. Leaves large, often over-topping the panicles, margins hispid. Panicle erect, composed of numerous second usually incurved spikes entirely surrounding the common rachis, and frequently forming vortices. Spikelets in threes, the one sessile, the other two on pedicels of unequal length. Outer glumes very unequal, pubescent, cuspidate.

Largely cultivated in Northern India as a rainy season crop, but chiefly near and at low elevations on the hills. It is a rapid grower, coming to maturity within six weeks after sowing. The grain is not considered of a high class, and is mostly consumed by the poorer people. The stalks are given as fodder to cattle. It is figured in Part II. of "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," and in Prof. Church's "Food Grains of India," Fig. 4.

P. helopus, Trin. (Plate VII.) *Syn.*—*P. setigerum*, Retz; *P. hirsutum*, Koen.; *P. Kanigii*, Spreng; *Urochloa pubescens*, Beauv. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Kuri* and *kuriya*; PUNJAB: *Chatta* and *kowān* (Sabāthū Hills), *thun* (Kāngra); N.-W. PROV.: *Basaunta* (Dehra Dūn), *chappaila* and *semāi* (Allahabad), *motia* (Mainpuri); BUNDELKHAND: *Gal-phula*, *basāunta*, and *samwān* (Bandn); BENGAL: *Jal-ganti* (Roxb.); TELUGU: *Salla-woodoo* (Roxb.).

Stems usually tall, creeping and rooting at the base. Leaves rather broad lanceolate, with wavy margins, and cordate at the base, hirsute or glabrous; sheaths loose and hairy. Panicle branches 3-7, sessile above the upper leaf or on a long peduncle. Spikelets arranged irregularly in two rows, or in clusters at the base of the branches, ovoid acute, glabrous or hairy. Rachis usually clothed with bristles; outer glumes short, broad, 3-nerved, second and third about equal, the third enclosing a pale, but no stamens. Fruiting glume minutely rugose, obtuse, but with the central nerve produced into a short awn-like point.

An excellent fodder grass for both horses and cattle. It is found chiefly on cultivated ground in the plains, and occurs on the Himalaya up to about 5,000 feet. The short awn-like point to the fruiting glume is its best distinguishing character.

P. humile, Nees. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Kathi* and *urdiya* (Chānda).

A slender annual, about one foot in height. Leaves lanceolate acuminate, sparsely hairy. Panicle spreading; glumes acuminate prominently nerved.

I have seen specimens from the Punjab and Central Provinces, and have gathered it in Bundelkhand, where it is said to be a good fodder grass.

P. indicum, Linn. Vern.—*Lodi-gadi* (Chānda in Cent. Prov.).

Closely allied to *P. mysoreoides* (see description), but not so plentiful in Northern India. It is a smaller plant, with much shorter and somewhat interrupted spikes. The spikelets are also much smaller, and more or less curved; the second glume is curved and gibbous at the base.

P. jumentorum, Pers. Syn.—*P. maximum*, Jacq.

Perennial. Stems tall, 3-5 feet, leaves broad, flat, acuminate; sheaths and nodes hairy. Panicle large and loose with numerous capillary much divided branches. Spikelets many, stalked. Lower outer glume one-fourth the length of the spikelet, ovate obtuse, the third glume encloses a male flower; fruiting glume neuter, slightly rugose.

This is the "Guinea-grass," a native of Tropical Africa, and now extensively cultivated in most tropical countries. Although it seeds freely in this country, it is nevertheless found preferable to propagate it by root cuttings. In the United States it is usually planted in this way, as it rarely matures seed in that country. Manuring is beneficial where frosts prevail. Analysis shows it to be very rich in nutritive qualities; and, as it appears to thrive well in the plains of Northern India, its extended cultivation should be encouraged.

P. miliaceum, Linn.* Syn.—*P. asperinum*, Lagasc.; *P. Miliun*, Pers. Vern.—GENERAL: *Chena*, *china*, *chinwa* and *chirwa*; TRANS-INDUS: *Tsedze*, (Ladak); PUNJAB: *Salan* (Stewart), *anne* (Chonab basin), *zad* (Sutlej basin); OUDH: *Sáwan-chaitwa* and *sáwan-jethwa* (Bara Badki); BUNDELKHAND: *Bansi phikar* and *ráli*; TELING: *Woiga* (Roxb.); SOUTH INDIA: *Varágu*.

Annual, hairy. Stems erect, 2-4 feet high, leafy, simple or branched from the base. Leaves large, broad, acuminate, pilose or hispid; sheaths long, densely hairy. Panicle much branched; branches slender, elongate, spreading, ultimately bending over from the weight of the grain. Spikelets rather large, inflated, oblong, acute, smooth; lower glume one-third shorter than the spikelet, acute or cuspidate. Grain

* See Plate A., Fig. 2, of present Volume.

oval with longitudinal streaks. (For figures, see "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," Part II., Plate XXIII., and Church's "Food Grains of India," Fig. 2).

A native of Egypt and Arabia. It is cultivated in various parts of N.-W. India on the plains as a hot weather crop; and on the Himalaya it is grown to some extent during the rainy season as a village crop at various elevations up to 11,000 feet. In this country it is cultivated almost entirely for the sake of its grain, a preparation of which constitutes a favourite kind of food at marriage ceremonies; it is therefore seldom used as fodder, although of excellent quality in the green state.

P. miliare, Lamk.* (Plate XLVI.) *Syn.*—*P. psilopodium*, Trin.? *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Kutki* (Stewart), *chín* (Hissar); N.-W. PROV.: *Mijhri*; BUNDELKHAND: *Kutki*; CENT. PROV.: *Kutki* (Ohánda), *ban kutli* and *bagad* (Balaghát), *badi dhurbhuri* (Nagpur); BENAR: *Gomej lo kutki*; SANTAL: *Gundhi*; TELING: *Nella-shama* (Roxb.).

Annual, stems many, erect, 2-3 feet high. Leaves smooth, narrow and tapering to a fine point. Panicle slender, oblong, with many capillary hispid branches, ultimately bending over with the weight of the grain. Flowers in pairs, pedicels unequal, grain ovate, smooth, striated, becoming dark brown when ripe.

Not uncommon in the plains and up to moderate elevations on the Himalayas. It is cultivated locally for its grain by the poorer classes in Northern India and in the Central Provinces. Cattle are fond of the straw, and Mr. Coldstream states that it is good for grazing, and will stack. It is reckoned to be a good fodder grass in Bundelkhand.

P. myosuroides, R. Br. *Syn.*—*P. angustum*, Trin. *Vern.*—CENT. PROV.: *Dhidhina* (Chánda), *musapuncha* (Balaghát), *si pedlar* (Seoni).

A smooth slender erect annual with long narrow leaves. Spikelets ovoid, obtuse, crowded into dense cylindrical spikes 1-4 inches long, often dark coloured.

Common in wet ground in the plains, and at low elevations on the hills. It is of little or no importance for fodder purposes. It extends to Queensland in Australia.

P. Myurus, Lamk.† *Syn.*—*P. interruptum*, Willd.; *P. serrulatum*, Roxb.; *Hymenachne Myurus*, Beauv. *Vern.*—*Dhamirra* (Rohilkhand).

A tall smooth grass growing in water. Stems 2-4 feet high, lower portions thick and rooting at the nodes. Leaves flat, broad. Spikelets crowded on the short branches of a dense cylindrical spike-like panicle which is sometimes lobed and interrupted at the base. Outer glume thin, transparent, 1-nerved, usually inserted at some distance below the others; second and third tapering to a fine point; flowering glume shorter, thin, transparent, stiff but not hardening round the grain.

It occurs in marshy ground and by water-courses in the plains of Northern India,

* I am unable to distinguish this species from *P. psilopodium*, Trin., under which name it is figured in Part II. of "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," Plate XXVI. See also Church's "Food Grains of India," Fig. 2.

† See Plate A., Fig. 2, of present Volume.

but too local in its distribution to be reckoned as a useful fodder grass. In Australia, however, it is said to be very palatable and nutritious to stock.

P. paludosum, (Roxb.). Syn.—*P. decompositum*, R. Br. Vern.—BENGAL : *Boruti* and *kulus-nar* (Roxb.); TELING : *Soda* (Roxb.).

An aquatic grass with stout stems rooting at the lower nodes. Leaves long; ligule broad, ciliate. Panicle 6 inches to 1 foot long; branches filiform. Spikelets narrow, acute, pale coloured; lower outer glume short and truncate; fruiting glume smooth and without nerves.

Wet ground in Northern India, but not common. Baron von Müller in his "Select Plants for extra-tropical Countries" says—"one of the most spacious of Australian nutritious grasses. The aborigines convert the small millet-like grains into cakes. This grass will thrive on poor soil."

P. Petiverii, Trin. Vern.—*Chápar* and *chaprur* (South-Eastern Punjab), *chaprura* (Falconer).

Annual. Stems decumbent, often bent and rooting at the lower nodes. Leaves rounded at the base, lanceolate acuminate, flat, smooth or hairy. Panicles erect, shortly pyramidal, simple or sub-compound; racemes linear, common rachis beset with rough bristles; spikelets shortly stalked, with rather long bristles at the base, in pairs or solitary, loose and rather large, light green, softly tomentose or smooth; lower glume one-third shorter than the spikelet, cordate-ovate, acute.

Plains of Northern India. Apparently a good fodder grass, but according to Symonds it is not suited for making into hay.

P. plicatum, Lamk. This is a tall grass, 3-4 feet, with very handsome foliage. It is usually found in damp shady places. I have not heard of its being used for fodder, though no doubt it may be sufficiently nutritious when young.

P. prostratum, Lamk. (Plate XLV.) Syn.—*P. procumbens*, Nees. Vern.—BUNDHEKHAND : *Chaurila*; ORISSA, PROV. : *Choti semai* (Seoni), *sarpur* (Chánda).

Perennial. Stems caespitose, ascending, or creeping and rooting at the nodes. Leaves glabrous or more or less hispid with bulbous-based hairs, broadly lanceolate acuminate from a cordate base, and undulate. Panicle short, ovate, one-sided; spikes shortly stalked or sessile, usually in pairs; spikelets in two ranks with bristles on their pedicels, ovate, acute, glabrous; outer glume cordate, amplexicaul, obtuse, five times shorter than the spikelet; hermaphrodite floret white, and minutely wrinkled.

Common in the plains. It is a good fodder grass, and the grain is used as food in famine times. Baron von Müller states that it is commendable for pastures in Australia.

P. repens, Linn.—Perennial glaucous. Stems extensively creeping. Leaves broad, cordate at the base and usually hairy; ligule short, ciliate. Panicle narrow, erect or spreading; spikes 4-10, short, sessile, equally inserted on the angular villous

rachis; spikelets smooth, or minutely hairy on the nerves; outer glume less than one-half the spikelet; second and third acute or acuminate, prominently 3-5 nerved, the third enclosing a male flower.

Plains of Northern India. It occurs also in Australia, North Africa, South Europe, and on the coast of Brazil. Both Royle and Roxburgh state that cattle are fond of this grass.

P. sanguinale, Linn. (Plate VIII.)* *Syn.*—*Digitaria sanguinalis*, Scop.; *Dactylon sanguinale*, Vill.; *Paspalum sanguinale*, D.C. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Takri* and *takriya*; TRANS-INDUS: *Khurāsh* (Stewart); PUNJAB: *Bara takria* (Hissar), *dūbra* (North-Eastern Punjab), *mothi labbāl* (Stewart); RAJPUTANA: *Hen* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV.: *Kawai*, *chamara* (Bijner); CENT. PROV.: *Korkol jodi* (Sooni); BENGAL: *Chikhari*.

Stems decumbent, often rooting from the lower joints, 1-1½ feet high. Leaves flaccid, flat, glabrous or occasionally hairy on the sheaths. Spikes 4-8, sub-digitate, 2-4 inches long, on a long peduncle, secund; rachis angular, flexuose, scabrous. Spikelets in pairs, or three or four together on unequal pedicels, oblong, acute. Glumes 4, smooth, the lower outer one minute, second 3-nerved, third 5-nerved, fruiting glume shorter.

Common in the plains and at low elevations on the hills. It is much used as fodder. It occurs in Australia, South Europe, America, and in most warm countries. In the United States it is highly esteemed under the name of "Crab grass." The following quotations are from Prof. Vasey's "Agricultural Grasses of the United States":—

"It makes a sweet hay, and horses are exceedingly fond of it" (Prof. Killbrev).

"Crab grass is one of our best hay and pasture grasses. It will make two tons of first quality of hay per acre. All that is necessary is to plough and harrow the ground in April, May, or June, and you will be sure of a crop. It grows well in ordinary lands, but on sandy lands best (E. W. Jones of Buena Vista, Miss.)."

Var. ciliare (Plate IX.) *Syn.*—*P. ciliare*, Retz. *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Dobra* (Simla Hills); N.-W. PROV.: *Kawai* (Aligarh), *siuri* (Allahabad); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Kabdai* (Pilibhit), *sahri* and *sehri* (Bhira); BUNDELKHAND: *Kawai*; RAJPUTANA: *Chhink* (Ajmere); CENT. PROV.: *Mandiya* (Ohānda), *rāha* (Nagpur), *sikka* (Seoni and Balaghat); BENGAL: *Makur jalee* (Roxb.); TELINGA: *Shangali gaddi* (Roxb.).

Differs by having the lateral nerves and margin of the inner glumes clothed with long white hairs. It is found usually on dry sandy or rocky ground. From the reports I have received it evidently appears to be a good fodder grass, and is highly valued in Rajputana.

P. Teneriffe, R. Br. *Syn.*—*Tricholana Teneriffæ*, Parl.; *T. micrantha*, Schrad.; *Saccharum Teneriffæ*, Linn. f.

* See also Plate A., Fig. 4, of present Volume.

A perennial grass growing in tufts. Leaves glaucous and glabrous, narrowly linear, rigid. Spikelets solitary, irregularly panicled, clothed with long hairs; lower outer glume wanting.

It occurs in Sindh, and extends through Afghanistan to Arabia and Egypt. I have received no information as to its value for fodder purposes.

P. tenuiflorum, R. Br. Syn.—*Paspalum brevifolium*, Flüge. Stems from a much branched creeping base, one foot or more high. Leaves short, flat, and narrow; sheaths hairy, bearing a scarious jagged ligule. Panicle branches spike-like, digitate, filiform, 1-2 inches long; spikelets ovate, disposed along one side of the rachis; pedicels short, curved; outer empty glume wanting.

Probably common in North-West India, but no doubt often overlooked owing to its resemblance to a *Paspalum*, under which genus it is sometimes placed. I have specimens from the Siwalik range, and from Bundelkhand. It occurs in the warmer parts of Australia, where it is said to produce a fair amount of seed, and plenty of seed.

P. triflorum, Edgew. Found by Mr. Edgeworth among rocks at Banda, and in fields at Rindour in the Sikh States. It is distinguished (Mr. Edgeworth says) from other species of this genus by the number of the florets.

P. turgidum, Forsk. Perennial, glabrous, glaucous. Root fibres thick and velvety. Stems hard with proliferous fascicles at the swollen joints. Leaves often reduced to the spathe-like sheaths. Panicle terminal, short, narrow, with short erect branches. Spikelets shortly stalked, rather large, ovate, tumid, white.

A native of Sindh and Central India, extending to Arabia and Egypt. A coarse-looking hard grass, though probably nutritious when young. In Egypt a kind of bread is made from the grain.

P. vestitum, Nees. Syn.—*P. coarctospermum*, Steud. Is recorded from Peshawar. Nutritive value unknown.

5. OPLISMENUS, Beauv. A small genus of about three or four species inhabiting tropical and sub-tropical countries. It resembles very closely some of the awned species of *Panicum*, but the awn in this genus is attached to the two lower glumes, of which the outer one in *Panicum* is never awned.

O. Burmanni, Retz., (Plate XLVII.) Syn.—*Panicum Burmanni*, Linn. Vern.—N.-W. Prov.: *Chusa* (Pilibhit); CANX. PROV.: *Chimaldi gadi* and *wtaniya* or *wataniya* (Chanda), *ghor-chubba* (Soon), *yerwa* (Balaghât).

A small grass with the lower portion of the stems branching and procumbent. Leaves and sheaths hairy. Spikelets in a spike-like panicle. Glumes hairy, the two outer ones with long awns.

Common in the plains and at low elevations on the hills. Usually found under the shade of trees. Symonds says that cattle eat it, and that it makes good hay. In Oudh it is reported that cattle eat this grass with relish. At Balaghât it grows in the shade of bamboos, and cattle eat it when young.

Two other species, *O. acuminatus*, Nees, and *O. compositus*, R. & S., are not uncommon on the lower slopes of the Himalaya, extending to the duns at the base of those mountains.

6. **SETARIA**, Beauv. A genus containing about 10 species, four of which occur within our area. *S. glauca* and *S. verticillata* are widely distributed throughout the tropics and the temperate regions of the world; and *S. italica* (*kangni*) is cultivated largely in India and in other warm countries. This genus may at once be recognized by its dense bristly spikes. These bristles, supposed to be abortive branches, are attached to the pedicels below each spikelet, and remain persistent after the spikelets have fallen off.

S. glauca, Beauv. (Plate X.) Syn.—*Panicum glaucum*, Linn.; *Penisetum glaucum*, R. Br. Vern.—GENERAL: *Bandra* and *bandi*; PUNJAB: *Ban kangni* (Central and East Punjab), *dissi* (Salt Range), *kotu* (Kangra); N.-W. PROV.: *Bindra* (Dehra Dún); RAJPUTANA: *Kutta choti* (Ajmer), *soma* (Merwara), *hilli* and *chhinchra* (Jeypur); BUNDELKHAND: *Dhusa*, *neori* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Pohwa* and *panhawa* (Chānda), *thontwa* (Balaghat); SANTAL: *Kukra*; BENAR: *Kuluku*; BENGAL: *Pingi-natchi* (Roxb.); TELUGU: *naka-kota* (Roxb.).

Annual. Stems erect, 1-3 feet high. Leaves broadly linear, acuminate, with scabrous edges, usually pale green. Panicle spike-like, densely cylindrical, 1-6 inches long. Spikelets solitary, ovoid, the awn-like barren branches beset with minute teeth directed upwards. Outer glume very small; the second shorter than the third. Fruiting glumes more or less gibbous, and transversely wrinkled. Dwarfed specimens with ovoid or sub-globose spikes are frequently to be found on barren and stony ground.

Very common all over the plains, and up to moderate elevations on the hills. It is generally considered to be a fairly good fodder grass. It thrives best in rich or cultivated ground. Symonds states that it affords a moderately good fodder, but is unsuited for making hay. In the Central Provinces it is used as fodder and the grain as food. In Australia it is highly relished by stock. In the United States, where it is called "Pigeon" or "Bottle grass," Dr. Vasey reports that it furnishes a considerable amount of fodder which is as nutritious as Hungarian grass (*S. italica*), but less productive.

S. intermedia, R. & S. Vern.—N.-W. PROV.: *Chiriya-chaina* (Aligarh); RAJPUTANA: *Chota sarsata* (Udaipur), *uhdar punchka* (Jeypur); CENT. PROV.: *Chota chikiya* (Chānda), *nohtowa* (Seoni), *sawd* (Nagpur); BENGAL: *Lundi*.

An annual species resembling small specimens of *S. verticillata*, but the spikes are narrower and more pointed, and interrupted towards the base. The bristles have the teeth pointing forwards.

Plains of Northern India, and at low elevations on the hills. In the Central Provinces it is found on both black and sandy soils. I have received no information regarding its nutritive value.

S. italica, Beauv. Syn.—*Panicum italicum*, Linn. Vern.—GENERAL: Kangni and kékun; TRANS-INDUS: Gal; PUNJAB: Chiur (Jhelum basin); CNOTIA NAAGPUR: Kauni.

Annual. Stems branching, round, smooth, erect, 3-5 feet high, or decumbent below and rooting from the lower nodes. Leaves broad, margins rough with forward bristles; mouth of sheath bearded. Panicles ovate forming dense cylindrical spikes which bend over as they become ripe. Spikelets 2-flowered, intermixed with setiform peduncles disposed in the form of involucre.

Both wild and cultivated in India, and largely grown in other warm countries. In Northern India it is usually sown as a subordinate crop accompanying jûr or sâwan. It is cultivated on the Himalaya at low elevations. Its abundant and nutritious foliage yields an excellent forage if cut when in blossom.*

In Australia it is considered to be a good fattening pasture grass. In the United States, where it is known under the name of "Hungarian grass," it is much valued. Prof. Phares quoted by Dr. Vasey remarks:—"If cut at the right stage the whole plant is a safe and very valuable forage."

S. verticillata, Beauv. Syn.—*Panicum verticillatum*, Linn.; *Penisetum verticillatum*, R. Br. Vern.—PUNJAB: Chirchira (Hissar), barchitta and kutta (East Punjab); N.-W. PROV.: Barti (Dehra Dûn), lardanni (Royle); BUNDELKHAND: Chirchitta; RAJPUTANA: Kutta bari (Ajmere), gâdar puchha (Jeypur); CENT. PROV.: Bandri (Seoni), chak-karnitta-gadi and ohilna bara (Chânda), lapti (Balaghat), ohilaya (Nagpur); BENGAL: Jaljatang-jhara; SANTAL: Bir launi; BENGAL: Dera byara (Roxb.); TELINGA: Chicklenta (Roxb.).

A coarse rank annual easily distinguished from the other species of *Setaria* by the downward direction of the teeth on the bristles. It is common in shady places, and in rich ground all over the plains of North-West India, and up to 6,000 feet on the Himalaya. Cattle eat it when young, that is, before the flowering spikes appear. The grain is eaten by poor people.

7. **CENCHRUS**, Linn. A genus of about 12 species found in tropical and subtropical regions of the world. The spikelets are surrounded by an involucre as in *Setaria*, but the bristles or scales of which it is composed are stiff and often connate at the base. The articulation of the pedicel occurs below this involucre, which therefore does not remain persistent as in *Setaria*.

C. catharticus, Del. (Plate XI.) Syn.—*C. echinatus*, Rich. (non

* It is figured in Church's "Food Staples of India," *Fig. 6 and 7*, and in Part II. of "Field and Garden Crops," N. W. Provinces and Oudh.

Linu.) Vern.—GENERAL: *Bhurt*; PUNJAB: *Basla* and *lapta* (Stewart); RAJPUTANA: *Bharbhunt* (Jeypur); *bharont* (Ajmere); BUNDELKHAND: *Kukar* (Banda).

Annual. Stems erect, or ascending, often bent below. Leaves rough, lanceolate acuminate, ciliate or glabrous. Involucres nearly sessile, arranged loosely in a cylindrical spike and furnished with numerous spines; spines stiff and sharp, connate into a cup at the base, outer row very short and spreading; inner thicker, erect, overtopping the flowers, sulcate on the back, downwardly hispid, often ciliate at the base. Glumes ovate, acute, membranous.

Plains of North-West India in sandy soil. It is much valued as a forage grass, on account of the early appearance of its foliage. Mr. Coldstream reporting from Hissar, says that it is much grazed when tender, but is not suitable for stacking; also that the seed mixed with bajra flour is much used by the poorer classes. The following anecdote is related in the Sirsa Settlement Report, p. 14:—"The Bāgrīs tell that an emperor of Delhi was on his way with an army to attack Bikaner when a bhurt stuck on his arm; he picked it off and it stuck in his finger; he tried to bite it off and it stuck in his lip and gave him great pain. When told the country was full of these things, he did not venture further; and Bikaner was saved from invasion."

C. montanus, Nees. (Plate XLVIII.) Syn.—*C. Schimperii*, Steud. and Hochst.; *C. tripsacoides*, Fresen. Vern.—GENERAL: *Anjan* and *dhaman*; PUNJAB: *Dhamman* (Central and North).

Annual. Stems several, ascending from a procumbent base. Leaves linear, acuminate, clothed with spreading hairs, or nearly smooth. Involucres shortly stalked, enclosing 1-2 spikelets, globose, arranged in a dense cylindrical spike; outer spines of involucre subulate, short, adpressed; inner spines 8-10, hardly exceeding the spikelets, lanceolate, pungent, connate into a cup one-third their length, erect, scabrid, sometimes with ciliate margins. Glumes nearly equal, membranous, ovate, acute, and somewhat keeled.

Common in sandy parts of the plains of N.-W. India. One of the most nutritious of Indian grasses, and by some considered to be the very best. It is a good grazing grass, and makes excellent hay. This species varies much in the size of the spikes, the compactness of the spikelets on the spikes, the length of the spines composing the involucre, also in the colour of the spikes, which are sometimes of a rich reddish brown or almost black.

8. *PENNISETUM*, Pers. This genus contains about 40 described species, the greater number being African. Of those occurring in India

five are found in the plains, including the cultivated bajra (*P. typhoideum*). The flowers are arranged in cylindrical spikes as in *Setaria*, but the involucre usually falls off together with the pedicel as in *Cenchrus*. The bristles, however, are weak, not stiff and hard as in the latter named genus.

P. Alopecuroides, Steud. Syn.—*Gymnethria Alopecuroides*, Nees; *Cenchrus heteroformis*, Rottl. Vern.—RAJPUTANA: *Malsar* (Mount Abu); BUNDELKHAND: *Mso* (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV.: *Morthan* (Chanda), *moica* (Seoni).

A coarse grass. Roots furnished with large fleshy fibres. Stems thick. Leaves very tough, narrow, hairy on both sides near the base; sheaths inflated, polished. Bristles of involucre white or straw-coloured, not plumose. At Chanda in the Central Provinces it is said to grow on black soil near water. No information has been received regarding its nutritive value. This grass is abundant on Mount Abu along the sides of the water-courses; it is used for making rope.

P. cenchroides, Rich. (Plates XII. and XIII)* Syn.—*Cenchrus ciliaris*, Linn. Vern.—GENERAL: *Anjan*, *dhāman*; TRANS-INDUS: *Taura*; PUNJAB: *Kurlān* (Stewart), *dhāman* (Central and South-West); N.-W. PROV.: *Charwa* (Aligarh), *bāwiri* (Allahabad); BUNDELKHAND: *Baiba* and *kusa* (Banda); RAJPUTANA: *Andho* and *bharbhunt* (Jeypur).

Perennial, tufted. Stems many, herbaceous, often decumbent and bent, or ascending, becoming much elongated and subscandent when growing amongst bushes. Leaves narrowly linear, acuminate; sheaths smooth or hairy. Spikes cylindrical, dense; rachis rough. Bristles of the sessile involucre numerous, unequal, reddish, rarely white; inner widening towards the connate base, plumose, $1\frac{1}{2}$ times longer than the spikelet. Spikelets in pairs, rarely solitary.

Common all over the plains of N.-W. India, especially in sandy districts. It is an excellent fodder grass for both horses and cattle. In the Multan district it is considered to be the best kind of grass for increasing the milk of cows. It is the best grass in the Sirona district, where it is called "dhāman." In the Jhang Settlement Report it is stated:—"Dhāman is the best of all grasses Zamindars believe that if in good condition this grass gives a semi-intoxicating effect to the milk of buffaloes who graze on it."

P. holcooides, Schult. (Plate XLIX.) Syn.—*Panicum holcooides*, Roxb. Vern.—BUNDELKHAND: *Laraiya* (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV.: *Jiral* (Seoni); BENGALE: *Sivati* (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems erect, branching, 2-4 feet. Bristles of involucre of two sorts, the one twice the length of the flower and woolly from the middle downwards, the other shorter and without wool. The inner bristles appear to be connate, as in *Cenchrus*.

* See also Plate A, Fig. 7, in present Volume.

Abundant in Bundelkhand and in the Central Provinces, by roadsides and amongst bushes, where, like *P. cenchroides*, it assumes a climbing habit. It has all the appearance of being a good fodder grass, though no information has been received regarding it as such.

P. imberbe, Edgew. (Plate L.) Vern.—RAJPUTANA : *Bajuria* (Udaipur); CENT. PROV. : *Chaj-já gadi* (Cháada).

Spikes slender, and much narrower than in *P. holcoides*. Bristles of involucre fewer, without wool, claret coloured. I have specimens from RAJPUTANA and from the Central Provinces, where it flourishes in the black soil. I have received no special information as to its value for fodder.

P. typhoideum, Rich. Syn.—*Penicillaria spicata*, Willd., *Holcus spicatus*, Linn., *Panicum spicatum*, Roxb. Vern.—GENERAL : *Bájra*, *bajri* and *lahra*; N.-W. PROV. : *Bájra tangunanwa* (Azamgarh); SANTAL : *Lendha* (Campbell); BENGAL : *Bujra* and *bujera* (Roxb.); TELING : *Pedda-gantea* (Roxb.); MADRAS : *Chambu*.

A tall erect grass, 5-6 feet high, with the spikelets crowded into a compact cylindrical spike 6-9 inches long and $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch in diameter. Each spikelet is surrounded by an involucre of bristles, of which the inner ones are plumose hairy.

This is the bulrush or spiked millet. It is largely cultivated in Northern India, and the stalks and leaves are much used as fodder, though inferior to juar. In the United States, where it is known under many names, such as African cane, Egyptian millet, &c, it is extensively grown as a fodder plant, and many cuttings are obtained during the season. It is figured in Church's "Food Grains of India," also in Part I. of "Field and Garden Crops of N.-W. Provinces and Oadh."

TRIBE II. MAYDEÆ.

9. *COIX*, Linn. There are three or four described species, one of which is a common water grass in India. It is easily recognised by its numerous large roundish or pear-shaped pearly-white head-like fruits. The flowers are monœcious, the fertile ones being situated at the base of the spikes. Male spikes drooping. The hard shell-like substance which covers the grain consists of a sheathing bract.

C. gigantea, Koen. Vern.—BERAR : *Kesai*; BENGAL : *Danga gurgur* (Roxb.).

A tall erect water grass 8 to 15 feet high with large broad leaves. Florets of male spikes in threes, the central one stalked.

Plains of North-West India, in wet places.

C. Lachryma, Linn.* Vern.—PUNJAB : *Sánklu* (Sabhāth Hills);

* See Plate A, Fig 9, in present Volume, and Fig 10 of Church's "Food Grains of India."

RAJPUTANA: *Dabhir* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV.: *Samlru* (Royle), *baru* (Saharanpur); BUNDELKHAND: *Gandula* or *garun* (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV.: *Kasi* and *gulbi gadi* (Chanda), *gulu* (Seoni), *gurlu* (Balaghât); SANTALI: *Jargadi* (Campbell); BENGAL: *Gurgur* and *lunch* (Roxb.); MARATHI: *Ranjondhala* and *rânmaka* (Dymock).

Very similar to the preceding species, but not so tall. Leaves cordate at the base. Florets of male spikes in pairs.

Common in wet ground in the plains, and in warm valleys on the Himalaya. In Oudh it is largely eaten by cattle, and is said to be very fattening. The hard shell-like involucre, known as "Job's tears," are called "kassni-bij" in the Bombay Presidency, and are used there as a diuretic; and by the Chinese and Germans the grain is used as an article of food. For further information see Church's Food Grains of India," p. 60, and Dymock's "Vegetable Materia Medica of Western India," p. 853.

10. *CHIONACHNE*, R. Br. There are three species, one of which is not uncommon on wet ground in Northern India. It resembles *Coix* in habit, and has also the curious polished stone-like fruit cases, which, however, in this genus are formed by the hardening of the outer empty gluma.

C. barbata, R. Br. Syn.—*Coix barbata*, Roxb.; *C. Kanigiti*, Spreng. Fern.—CENT. PROV.: *Jhau* and *kirma-gilâram gadi* (Chanda), *ladpi* (Balaghât); MARATHI: *Varikal* (Dymock); BENGAL: *Gurgur* (Roxb.); TELUGU: *ghella gades* (Roxb.).

Stems 3-6 feet high. Pedicels jointed, with a boat-shaped cuspidate spathe at the joint. Male spikes erect, florets in pairs.

Roxburgh says that owing to its coarse nature cattle do not eat this grass. At Balaghât in the Central Provinces, however, it is said to be used as fodder when young.

11. *EUCHLÆNA*, Schrad. There are two species, both natives of Mexico. The arrangement and structure of the flowers, which are monœcious, bear a close resemblance to that of maize (*Zea Mays*), so much so as to have suggested the probability of maize, which is not known in a wild state, having originated from a species of *Euchlæna*. Mr. Bentham remarks * that the affinity to *Zea* appears to be recognized in the country, for specimens have been received from Schaffner purporting to be known as "wild maize."

E. luxurians, Ascherson. An excellent fodder grass for a sub-tropical climate, attaining a height of 14 feet in rich ground. It has been grown successfully in this country under the name of *Reapâ luxurians*; but, as it requires a rich soil and plenty of irrigation, its extensive cultivation would prove too costly. It is highly valued in the warmer southern parts of the United States.

12. *ZEA*, Linn. Contains a single species, the well known Indian

* In Journ. Linn. Soc. (Botany), Vol. XL, p. 23

corn, or maize. The following remarks are taken from Mr. Benthham's valuable paper on the genus of grasses published in the Journal of the Linnean Society, and already referred to. "This most important, widely diffused, and most striking grass is only known in a cultivated state, or perhaps as an escape from cultivation. With most of the general characters of the tribe, to which it gives its name, it is exceptional not only in that tribe, but in the whole order by the manner in which its numerous female spikelets are densely packed in several vertical rows round a central spongy or corky axis. How far this arrangement may have gradually arisen after so many centuries of cultivation can only be a matter of conjecture."

Z. Mays, Linn. Vern.—GENERAL: *Makka*; PUNJAB: *Makki* and *kukri* (Stewart); N.-W. PROV.: *Bara juar* and *bari junri* (Eastern Districts); BENGAL: *Makrai* and *juar* (Chintia Nagpar), *mukka* (Roxb.); SANTAL: *Joudra* (Campbell); TELING: *Joona* and *moka* (Roxb.)

Extensively cultivated both in the plains and on the hills as a rainy season crop. The stalks and leaves when young contain a large amount of saccharine matter, and afford excellent fodder for cattle.

TRIBE III. ORYZEÆ.

13. HYGRORHIZA, Nees. Contains a single species confined to India. It is an aquatic grass, either floating on the surface of the water, or creeping on wet ground. Each spikelet contains only two glumes, of which the outer one is awned. The stamens are six, and there is no pale.

H. aristata, Nees. Syn.—*Leersia aristata*, Roxb. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Pastál* (Drummond); N.-W. PROV.: *Passai*, *passári* and *passáhi*, also *parsál* (Saháranpur), and *tinni* (Partálgarh).

Stems long, lower portions usually submerged and emitting numerous roots from the joints. Leaves cordate, lanceolate, obtuse, scabrous. Spikelets narrow, 1-flowered.

Roxbargh says that cattle are fond of this grass. The grain, where the supply is plentiful, is eaten by certain of the poorer classes, who collect it by sweeping over the plants with baskets. The grain ripens in September.

14. ORYZA, Linn. Rice and its numerous varieties belong to this genus. It differs in floral structure from *Hygrorhiza* by having four glumes instead of only two; the two outer ones are minute or setiform, the inner upper ones (sometimes called pales) are rigid, and one of them is often awned. There are no pales, and the stamens are 6.

O. sativa, Linn.* Vern.—KASHMIR: *Dein* and *táni* (Stewart); PUN-

* See also Plate B., Fig 7, of present Volume.

JAN: *Shálian* (Drummond), *lai* (Stewart); SINDH: *Dangara* (Watt.); RAJPUTANA: *Garri* (Lowrie), *sál* (Mount Abu); CENT. PROV.: *Deodhán* (Chanda); CHUTIA NAGPUR: *Uri dhán* (Campbell); SANTALI: *Horo* (Campbell); TELING: *Neuracee* (Roxb.).

Cultivated on the plains of Northern India, and up to about 4,000 feet on the Himalaya. The straw is sometimes given to cattle, but is not considered a wholesome kind of fodder. Roxburgh says: "the rice of the wild sort is remarkably white, palatable, and reckoned very wholesome; so that it is carefully gathered and sells dear. The rich esteem it a dainty; and to make it still more delicate they boil it only in steam." An awned variety of wild rice grows abundantly in wet places on Mount Abu, and the grain is collected for food.

15. *LEERSIA*, Swartz. There are five species, all natives of America, including one which occurs also in Europe, and another in India. They are aquatic and similar in habit to *Oryza*; the spikelets, however, are smaller, the glumes, of which there are only two, are thinner, and there is no pale.

L. hexandra, Swartz. Syn.—*L. australis*, R. Br.

Found occasionally on wet ground in the plains of N.-W. India. Symonds says that cattle are fond of it; and in Australia it is said to be much relished by stock.

TRIBE IV. TRISTEGINEÆ.

16. *ARUNDINELLA*, Raddi. A genus of 21 species spread over the tropical and subtropical regions of the world. The following are its chief distinguishing characters: glumes 4, the three lower of which are pointed but not awned; the fourth or fringing glume is smaller than the others, and carries a slender twisted and bent awn. The inflorescence is variable. *A. nepalensis*, Nees, and *A. Wallichii*, Nees, extend into the plains from the Himalaya; and *A. pumila*, Steud. occurs in Sindh and in hilly parts of Rajputana. Nothing definite is known regarding their value as fodder.

17. *RHYNCHELYTRUM*, Hochst. A small genus of three or four species, one of which occurs locally in India, and the rest are tropical African. It is at once distinguished from the other genera of the tribe by the long hairs on the lower glumes.

R. Wightii, Syn.—*Tricholena Wightii*, Nees; *Panicum megalanthum*, Steud. Vern.—RAJPUTANA: *Dard ghás* (Jyepore), *girri* (Ajmere).

Stems erect, 1-3 feet high. Spikelets large, in rather dense panicles; outer glumes thickly clothed with pink or lilac coloured pubescence.

This is a local grass, occurring in sandy soil. I have specimens from Jyepore, Ajmere and Udaipur. It is apparently of little value for fodder purposes.

18. *THYSANOLÆNA*, Nees. Contains a single species, *T. acarifera*, Nees, a native of tropical Asia. It is a tall handsome grass with large panicles of minute spikelets. It is not uncommon on the plains, and at low elevations on the hills, usually in the vicinity of water. This grass is called "karsar" in Chutia Nagpur. A decoction of the root is used as a rinse for the mouth in cases of fever (Rev. A. Campbell).

TRIBE V. ZOYSIÆ.

19. *TRAGUS*, Hall. Contains a single species, which is widely distributed over tropical and temperate regions.

T. racemosa, Hall. (Plate XIV.)* *Syn.*—*Lappago racemosa*, Willd.; *L. biflora*, Roxb.; *Cenchrus racemosus*, Linn. Vern.—GEWERAL: *Barchinté*; PUNJAN: *Barchinté choti* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *Dhāman* (Merwāra).

A small annual with procumbent stems and rooting from the lower nodes. Leaves short with ciliated margins. Spikelets in clusters of 3-5, arranged in compact spikes; upper outer glume stiff and covered on the back with hooked bristles.

Plains of Northern India on sandy soils. Mr. W. Goldstream says that it is common at Hissar both on bar and on cultivated land, that it is too small to stock, but being a very nutritious grass, it is much grazed in the rains. Mr. Symonds, however, says that cattle will not eat it, and Mr. Lowrie, writing from Ajmere, condemns it as a bad fodder grass. It is found in Australia, where it is regarded as good for winter feeding.

20. *LATIPES*, Kunth. Contains a single species, *L. senegalensis*. (*Syn.*—*Lappago Latipes*, Steud.), a native of tropical Africa, and extending eastward as far as Sindh. The spikelets are smaller than those of *Tragus*, and usually solitary, or rarely in pairs on the pedicel.

21. *PEROTIS*, Ait. Contains about three species, one of which *P. latifolia*, Ait.† (*Syn.*—*Anthoxanthum indicum*, Linn.; *Saccharum spicatum*, Linn.; *Agrastis spiciformis*, Linn. f.) is very common in the plains on barren and sandy soil. The plant is from 1 foot to 1½ feet high; leaves short and hairy; spikelets 1-flowered, arranged in a simple spike-like raceme. Of the three glumes the two outer ones are stiff and linear with slender terminal awns. The following are some of its vernacular names:—PUNJAN: *Chambar* (Sabāthu Hills); RAJPUTANA: *Puniya* (Ajmere), *undar pichha* (Jeypur); CENT. PROV.: *Danda puchhi* (Seoni). Roxburgh says that cattle are not fond of this grass; Mr. Lowrie, however, states that at Ajmere it is considered to be a good fodder grass.

TRIBE VI. ANDROPOGONEÆ.

22. *IMPERATA*, Cyrill. Of the three or four described species one is very common all over India, and is easily recognized by its pure white cylindrical spike-like panicles of silky spikelets. The thin transparent glumes are without awns, and there are only two stamens. This genus has one character in common with the following (*Miscanthus*), and

* See also Plate B, Fig. 8, of present Volume.

† Plate B, Fig. 8.

which is quite exceptional in the tribe, viz., the branches of the panicle having no joints.

Larundinacea, *Oyrl.* (Plate XV).^{*} *Syn.*—*I. cylindrica*, Beauv.; *I. Kaniqii*, Beauv.; *Saccharum cylindricum*, Lamk.; *Lagurus cylindricus*, Lian. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Siru* and *ulu*; *Punjab*: *Dāb* (Simla Hills), *sil* and *eir* (Stewart), *kusa* (E. Punjab); N.-W. Prov.: *Usirk* (Aligarh); *Bengal*: *Ooloo* (Roxb.).

A perennial grass with extensively creeping roots. Stems erect and stiff, 1-3 feet high; nodes usually with a tuft of long hairs. Leaves erect, narrow, the lower ones overtopping the stems, upper with very short blade. Panicle spike-like, cylindrical, 3-5 inches long, covered with silvery white hairs which completely conceal the glumes, but through which the stamens and stigmas protrude. There are only two stamens.

Widely dispersed over Northern India both in the plains and on the hills, more especially on clayey soils where water is near the surface. It forms a very large portion of the pasturage in Bengal, where, as Roxburgh observes, the fields are white with it when in flower after the first rains in April and May. Cattle relish it when young. The Telingas make use of it in their marriage ceremonies. In Australia it is called "blady grass," and the young succulent foliage which springs up after the occurrence of a fire is much relished by stock. I have observed the same effect resulting from periodical fires on certain parts of the Himalaya where this grass is plentiful.

23. *MISCANTHUS*, *Anders.* Contains 8 species, one of which, *M. fuscus*, *Anders.*, (*Syn.*—*Saccharum fuscum*, Roxb.; *Eriochrysis fusca*, Trin.) occurs in the plains of Northern India. As in *Imperata* the panicle branches are not jointed, but it differs from that genus in having awns to the flowering glumes, and three stamens. It has also a very different looking inflorescence, the spikelets being arranged in a loose panicle. *M. fuscus* is a large rather handsome grass, and is usually found in damp spots. It is chiefly used as a thatching material, and pens are said to be made from its stems.

24. *SACCHARUM*, *Linn.* This genus contains about 12 species, including sugarcane. They are all tall grasses with large compound panicles, the branches are articulate and clothed with silky hairs. The spikelets are very small and the glumes are not awned. Belonging to this genus we have two other very familiar species, viz., *kads*, and *manj grass*.

S. officinale, *Anders.* (Plate XVI).[†] *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Sarr* and

^{*} See also Plate B, Fig. 10, of present volume.

[†] Professor Hooker informs me that Roxburgh's name, *S. Manja*, under which this well known grass has hitherto been classified in this country, is doubtful.

sarkanda; PUNJAB: *Kána* (Sirsa), *sarkara* (E. Punjab), *sarjbar* (Kángra); N.-W. PROV.: *Ikar* (Western districts), *paláwar* (Eastern districts); OUDH: *Palwar* (Bhira). Other names given to separate portions of the plant are—*munj* the sheath of the leaf and the fibre which it yields; *sar* the leaves (Punjab); *bind* the flowering stem (Doáb), *sarakri* (Eastern districts of N.-W. Provinces); *sentha* and *lána* the lower portion of the flowering stem; *sirli* and *til* the upper portion of flowering stem; *majori* the entire stem from the base (Punjab); *tilak* or *tilon* the blossom (Punjab), also called *ghua* (Eastern districts of N.-W. Provinces).

A tall handsome grass, 8-10 feet high, smooth. Leaves long and narrow, rough at the edges with minute forward prickles. Panicle large; branches in verticils, spreading. Spikelets densely clothed with long white silky hairs.

Plains of Punjab and N.-W. Provinces, becoming rare eastward of Allahabad. It is of too coarse a nature to be used for fodder except when quite young; it is used, however, for many other purposes; e.g., in the manufacture of matting, rope, paper and for thatching; the stems are made into screens, sieves and baskets; the thicker portions of the stem are used for lining walls, and in the construction of chairs and couches. In the Jhang district of the Punjab it is stated that in the cold weather the leaves are often the only pasturage for the cattle. They are also chopped up and mixed with *bhusa*, with grain, oil cake, or green stuff. In the early spring the grass is fired, and the cattle graze on the green shoots that quickly sprout again. Only the inferior patches of *sar* are treated thus, as the plant seldom produces *munj lána* after being burnt (Jhang Settlement Report, p. 28).

S. officinarum, Linn. . Vern.—PUNJAB: *Ganna* and *kamánd* (Stewart), *pona* (grown for chewing), *ikh* and *ikhári* (East of Satej), *kamánd* (Central Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Sántha* (Ajmere); N.-W. PROV.: *Ukh* and *ukhári* (Eastern districts), *paunda* (grown in Delira Dún for chewing); BUNDELKHAND: *Barani* (Lalitpur); BENGALE: *Katari* (Chutia Nagpur), *ak*, *hajooli*, *looshiar*, *kullooa* and *poori* (Roxb.); TELING: *Cherukoo-bodi* and *cherukoo-duboo* (Roxb.). The inflorescence of this and other species of *Saccharum* is called *tilak*.

Sugarcane is cultivated largely in Northern India as a kharif crop, and sparingly in some of the warmer Himalayan valleys. It is propagated by cuttings, the plants very rarely yielding seed. There are several varieties, some of which are grown for the manufacture of sugar, and others for eating raw. The refuse cane yields a strong fibre, and is

also used for torches, &c., in the central parts of the Punjab, where the strips are called *pachchian*. The leaves are used as fodder. Stewart mentions that sugarcane is sometimes grown without irrigation, the crop being used as *chari* for feeding elephants. For figures see "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," Part I., and Church's "Food-Grains of India," Fig. 14.

S. *Sara*, Roxb. (Plate LI.) *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Sarkara* and *kanda* (Watt); RAJPUTANA: *Panni*; BUNDELKHAND: *Sarpal* (Banda); OUDH: *Kanwar* (Bhira); BENGAL: *Shur* (Roxb.); SANTALI: *Sarghat* (Campbell).

A tall erect grass upwards of 12 feet high. Leaves flat, with cutting edges; sheaths 1-1½ feet long, with a tuft of hairs in the place of the ligule. Panicle dense, much branched, open when in flower, afterwards becoming condensed.

Common in Rajputana, Bundelkhand, and in the Panjab. Of too coarse a nature, except when quite young, to be used as fodder. Mr. Coldstream says that the young flowering tops are regarded as good fodder for milch cows. At Jeypur it is extensively used as a sand-binding plant; and the experiments which have been undertaken there for arresting the movement of sand prove it to be very suitable for the purpose. At Ajmere the flowering stems are called *sarkanda*, and the leaf sheaths are known as *munj*.

S. spontaneum, Linn. (Plate LII.) *Syn.*—*S. ægyptiacum*, Willd. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Kāñs*; PUNJAB: *Kāñh* (Jhang and Muzaffargarh), *kāñhi* (Stewart); SINDH: *Kahu* (Watt.); RAJPUTANA: *Kāñh* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Kāñsa* and *kāñsi* (Allahabad), *rara* (Lucknow), *khagar* (Kheri); CENT. PROV.: *Kore gadi* (Chānda), *padar* (Balaghāt); HIND: *Kagara* (Roxb.), *kosa* (Watt.); TELING: *Relloo gaddy* (Roxb.).

Perennial. Roots extensively creeping. Stems varying in height from 5 to 15 feet according to the nature of the soil. Leaves long and narrow, with hispid margins; mouth of sheaths woolly. Panicle narrow, branches in verticils, simple. The quantity of wool-like pubescence which surrounds the base of the spikelets renders this plant a conspicuous object.

Common in the plains, and on the Himalaya up to 5 or 6,000 feet; usually in damp soils. Owing to its vigorous root-growth it is a most difficult plant to eradicate from cultivated land. It is a favourite fodder of buffaloes, and is also given to elephants when young. In the Jhang Settlement Report it is stated to be found in the moistest portions of

lands adjoining the rivers, where it affords most valuable pasturage for buffaloes. The zamindars of those parts say that if there were no *káñh* there would be no buffaloes, and they consider it too valuable to be used for thatching. In other parts of the country where better fodder grasses are obtainable, this grass is very generally used as a thatching material.

Three other species of *Saccharum* are occasionally met with in Northern India, viz. —

S. Nurenga, Benth. Syn.—*Eleocharis Nurenga*, Nees.

S. procerum, Roxb. Vern.—BENGAL: *Teng* (Roxb.).

Roxburgh says that it is by far the most beautiful of the genus. It comes nearest in appearance to *S. officinarum*, but is a taller and much more elegant plant.

S. semidecumbens, Roxb. Vern.—BENGAL: *Khori* (Walt.), *Khurice* (Roxb.). Lower portion of culm: procumbent.

25. **ERIANTHUS**, Michx. Of the 12 described species only one is found in the plains of Northern India. Botanically it stands between *Saccharum* and *Pollinia*, having the inflorescence of the former, and the awned glumes of the latter.

E. Ravennae, Beauv.* Syn.—*Saccharum Ravenna*, Linn.; *Andropogon Ravenna*, Linn.; *Ripidium Ravenna*, Trin.; Vern.—N.W. PROV.: *Dhauhar* and *dholu*.

Plains of N.W. India. A tall grass much resembling a *Saccharum* in general appearance.

26. **SPODIOPOGON**, Trin. Species 3, inhabiting temperate Asia and India. This genus differs from *Pollinia* as regards its inflorescence just as *Chrysopogon* does from *Andropogon*. The short branches of the panicle bear three spikelets, one sessile between two stalked ones, with occasionally a pair of spikelets below the three terminal ones; but the branches never form the regular spikes of *Pollinia*.

S. albidus, Benth. Syn.—*Andropogon albidus*, Wall. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Kanka gad*; (Ohaldo).

Stems 1-3 feet, smooth, shining, and tinged with red. Leaves distinctly petioled, broad, flat, dark green, with a few long silky hairs; midrib prominent, nearly white; apex attenuated into a slender awn-like point; sheaths inflated, edges membranous and with many bulbous-based hairs at the upper part. Panicles narrow; clusters crowded, straw-coloured, and thickly clothed with silky pubescence.

I have specimens from the Central Provinces and from Bundelkhand, also some lately gathered by myself on Mount Abu, in Rájputána.

27. **POLLINIA**, Trin. About 25 species have been described. Those which occur in Northern India are mostly Himalayan. Of the three species found in the plains, the bhábar grass (*P. eriopoda*) is the most important, though of little value as fodder. Some of the species very much resemble *Andropogon* in habit, but the stalked spikelets are fertile, which is not the case in *Andropogon*.

P. argentea, Trin. (Plate LIII.) Syn.—*P. tristachya*, Thw.; *Erianthus tristachyus*, Trin.; *E. Roxburghii*, F. Muell. Vern.—RAJPUTANA:

* See also Plate B, Fig 11, of present Volume.

Krer (Mount Abu); BUNDELKHAND: *Gāndī* and *gouchi* (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV: *Chota kusai*, *tyun gādi*, and *tām* (Chānda), *chota kisai* (Seoni), *kāudi* (Balāghāt); BERNAR: *Sona-jhara*.

Stems 2-3 feet, erect, smooth at the nodes. Leaves narrow, hairy, the sheaths ciliate at the mouth. Spikes usually several, clustered at the summit of the peduncle, slender, 3-1 inches long. Rachis of spikes and the pedicels clothed with white silky hairs.

Plentiful in Rājputāna, Bundelkhand and the Central Provinces, and extending to Queensland. It is said to afford excellent fodder for cattle when young, afterwards becoming coarse and more suitable for thatching purposes.

P. eriopoda, Hance. Syn.—*Spodiopogon angustifolius*, Trin.; *S. laniger*, Nees; *Andropogon involutus*, Steud; *A. notopogon*, Nees. Vern.—GENERAL: *Bhābar*; PUNJAB: *Bhābar* (Salt Range and Himalaya), *munji* and *baggar* (Stewart), *babbar* (Sir W. Davies); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Bankas* (Gorakhpur), *ban kush* and *baib* (Blyra); *būmoth* (Hamirpur); BENGAL: *Babūi* (Chittā Nagpur), *phachkron* (Santāl); CENT. PROV.: *Nulka gadi* (Chānda), *sām* (Balāghāt).

Stems 1½ feet or more, base bulb-like and covered with woolly pubescence. Leaves narrow, with involute edges, strong and firm. Spikelets in pairs, imbricate, one sessile and the other stalked, both of them hermaphrodite.

This grass yields a well known and excellent material for cordage, and is now also largely used in the manufacture of paper. It is eaten by cattle when young.

P. nuda, Trin. Syn.—*P. imberbis*, Nees; *Leptatherum Royleanum*, Nees. Lower ranges of Himalaya, occasionally extending to the plains.

28. **POGONATHERUM**, Beauv. *P. saccharoides*, Beauv., is plentiful on the Himalaya at low elevations; it occurs also on rocky hills in other parts of India. It is an ornamental grass with slender branches bearing simple spikes. The second glume is awned as well as the flowering glume. The Santāl name for this grass, in Chittā Nagpur, is *lālul*.

29. **DIMERIA**, R. Br. Species about 10, extending from tropical Asia to Australia. They are annual grasses with very slender spikes, narrow and rather rigid outer glumes, and only two stamens. *D. ornithopoda*, Trin. occurs in the Central Provinces, and is known, in the Chānda Division, under the name of "*Koro gadi*."

30. **ARTHRAXON**, Beauv. Contains about 10 species, of which one occurs in hilly parts of N.-W. India. In general appearance they resemble *Pollinia*, but in this genus one spikelet of each pair is reduced to a rudimentary stalk.

A. ciliare, Beauv. Syn.—*Butrathrum echinatum*, Nees; *Andropogon*

cehinatum, Høyne. Vern.—RAJPUTANA: *Undri* (Mervāra), *undar gin* (Mount Abu).

Stems 1 foot or more, decumbent or creeping at the base. Outer glume with muricate nerves; flowering glume with a long dorsal awn from near the base.

Plains of N.-W. India and up to 7,000 feet on the Himalaya. Considered to be a good fodder grass in Rājputāna.

31. **ELIONURUS**, Munro. Two of the 12 described species occur in Northern India; one is a characteristic desert grass, and the other is found on rocky ground in the neighbourhood of ravines. They resemble *Rottbællia* in habit, but the spikes are clothed with long silky hairs.

E. hirsutus, Munro. (Plate XVII.) Syn.—*Rottbællia hirsuta*, Vahl.; *Lasiurus hirsutus*, Boiss.; *Saccharum hirsutum*, Forsk.; *Ischamum hirsutum*, Nees. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Sin* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *Shimran* and *siwon* (Bikanir), *gawān* (Jeypur).

A perennial grass with a hard caespitose rhizome, from which strong cylindrical root-fibres are given off. Stems erect, 1-2 feet, hard and woody below. Leaves firm, acuminate, convolute. Spike terminal, densely clothed with long silvery pubescence; rachis brittle. Spikelets in threes at each node of the rachis.

A characteristic desert grass of N.-W. India. It is considered very nutritious, and affords excellent grazing when young. Tod mentions that in Bikanir, where this grass is abundant, the seed is collected, and mixed with bajra flour it is largely consumed by the people. This grass is also given to elephants as fodder. It becomes coarse and hard as it matures, and is then only fit for thatching purposes.

E. Royleanus, Nees. (Plate LIV.) Syn.—*Rottbællia elegantissima*, Hochst. and Steud.; *Andropogon elegantissimus*, Steud.

Root slender. Stems caespitose, branched, 6 inches to 1 foot long, pilose at the nodes. Leaves narrow; sheaths inflated, edges hyaline, mouth pilose; upper leaves reduced to spathe-like sheaths and almost concealing the spikes. Outer glume of the sessile hermaphrodite spikelet clothed with long silky hairs, margin beset with short conical hair-tipped crenations. A distinct and curious looking grass found on dry stony ground in the ravine country.

32. **ROTTBÆLLIA**, Linn. f. There are about 18 described species, of which one occurs in Northern India. Spikes terete. Spikelets in pairs at each excavation of the jointed rachis, one of them being sessile and fertile, the other stalked and sterile.

R. exaltata, Linn. f. Vern.—BERAR: *Barsali*; BENGAL: *Dura novocato* (Roxb.); TELINGO: *Konda yanoooloo* (Roxb.)

A tall grass with strong fibrous roots. Stems slightly compressed, 6-10 feet high. Leaves many, large, hairy on the inner side, margins hispid, sheaths very hairy, hairs stiff and swollen at the base. Spikes cylindrical, usually solitary.

Sub-Himalayan tract ascending to 4 or 5,000 feet. It is found also in North Australia.

33. OPHIURUS, R. Br. Species about 4, two of which are not uncommon in damp spots in Northern India. It resembles *Rottballia* in habit, but is technically distinguished by having the spikelets single at each excavation of the rachis, the second or sterile spikelet not being present, at any rate on the upper portion of the spike.

O. corymbosus, Garin. *Syn.*—*Rottballia corymbosa*, Linn. *Vern.*—RAJPUTANA and BUNDELKHAND: *Sonthi*; BENAR: *Chotoe*; TELING: *Pedda panookoo* (Roxb.).

Glaucous. Stems many, erect, smooth, 3-5 feet high. Leaves few, sheaths short and smooth. Spikes fasciated, on filiform peduncles, terminal and from the upper axils; peduncles curved, jointed and bracteate near the base.

Common on the black soil in Bundelkhand and the Central Provinces. In Bundelkhand it is used chiefly for thatching, and as fodder when other grasses fail.

O. laevis, Benth. (Plate LV.) *Syn.*—*O. perforatus*, Trin.; *Rottballia perforata*, Roxb.; *Mnesithea laevis*, Kunth. *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Satgathia* and *satgothia* (E. Punjab); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Gandel* (Doab), *sarwara* (Pilibhit); BENGAL: *Kurki* (Roxb.); TELING: *Panookoo* (Roxb.).

Stems erect, smooth, 3-5 feet. Spikes solitary; rachis perforated so that the backs of the glumes next to the rachis touch each other. Spikelets in lower part of the spike in pairs at each node as in *Rottballia*, but the two of each pair are separated by a kind of partition dividing the cavity of the rachis into two.

Not uncommon on low-lying pasture land in the plains, and also on the Himalaya, up to 5,000 feet. Cattle eat it when it is young and green.

34. MANISURIS, Linn. Is represented by a single species found in most tropical countries. It may be readily distinguished by the globular shape of the sessile fertile spikelet of each pair.

M. granularis, Swartz. (Plate LVI.)* *Syn.*—*Cenchrus granularis*, Linn. *Vern.*—RAJPUTANA: *Kangni* (Ajmere), *dhaturo ghás* (Udaipur); CENT. PROV.: *Agi-mali-gadi* (Chanda); BENAR: *Ratop*.

A hairy annual. Stems branching 1-2 feet. Spikes stalked, terminal and axillary, and sometimes in fascicles, $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 inch long. Spikelets in pairs, one sessile and fertile, the other male or neuter and stalked.

* See also Plate B, Fig. 12, of present Volume.

Glumes of fertile floret four, of which the outer one is hard, globular, and rugose.

Plains of Northern India, and on the Himalayas up to 4 or 5,000 feet. It extends to North Australia. Mr. Goldstream says that it is, both grazed and stacked (at Hissar, Punjab), but is not much relished by cattle. At Ajmere it is considered to be a good fodder grass.

35. *HEMARTHRIA*, R. Br. Species two or perhaps three. Two kinds occur in Northern India, inhabiting damp ground. In general appearance they closely resemble *Rottballia*, but the spikes are flattened, not terete, and the stalk of the sterile spikelet is adnate to the rachis.

H. compressa, R. Br.* Syn.—*Rottballia compressa*, Linn.; *R. glabra*, Roxb. Vern.—BENGAL: *Bulsha* and *pansheroo* (Roxb.); TELUGU: *Sherwoo* (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems many, creeping or climbing, compressed, smooth. Leaves rather short, smooth and soft. Spikes 2-4 inches long, terminal and from the upper axils, 2-5 together, compressed.

Moist places in the plains, and at low elevations on the hills. Extends to Australia. Roxburgh says that cattle are fond of this grass. Baron Von Mueller says that it is highly esteemed by graziers in Gypsiland for moist pastures.

H. fasciculata, Kunth. (Plate LVII.) Syn.—*Rottballia fasciculata*, Desf. Vern.—N.-W. PROV.: *Bilea* (Rohilkhand).

This is probably only a form of *H. compressa*, differing by having shorter leaves and the spikes shorter and more crowded. It is found in similar localities.

36. *ISCHÆMUM*, Linn. Contains about 30 species, of which three are found in the plains. The spikes are solitary or 2-3 together at the summit of the common peduncle. The spikelets are attached in pairs alternately on the rachis of the simple spike, the one sessile and the other stalked. The sessile spikelet contains two florets, the upper one hermaphrodite and the lower male. The flowering glume usually has a bent and twisted awn as in *Andropogon*.

I. ciliare, Retz. Syn.—*Spodiopogon obliquivalvis*, Nees. Vern.—N.-W. PROV.: *Kāla* (Doab); CENT. PROV.: *Dara toriya-gadi* and *piyāna-korn-gadi* and *paba* (Chānda); *guhera* (Balaghāt).

Stems 1-2½ feet. Leaves tapering to a fine point, clothed with scattered bulbous-based hairs; sheaths inflated, the upper ones much longer

* Plate XVIII. probably represents *H. fasciculata*, and not *H. compressa*, which it closely resembles. See also Plate C., Fig. 15, of recent Volume.

than the free blades, ligule prominent. Spikes over one inch long, two together at the summit of the peduncle, one of them attached a little lower, down than the other; pedicels ciliate. Awn twisted and bent below the middle.

Plains of North-Western India on wet ground; common in the Central Provinces. Extends to Australia. It is occasionally used as a fodder grass.

Var. villósum. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Piyána-koru-gadi* (Chánda), *chotiáli* and *blodore* (Seoni).

Rachis thickly clothed with silky hairs.

I. laxum, R. Br. (Plate LVIII.) Syn.—*I. nervosum*, Thw.; *Andropogon nervosum*, Rottb. Vern.—RÁJPUTANA: *Sairan* or *seran* and *hirn* (Ajmere), *sairan* (Udaipur). CENT. PROV.: *Sira* (Chánda), *sedwa* (Balaghát); BENAR: *Sainad*.

Stems slender, 2-3 feet long. Leaves narrow tapering to a fine point. Spike single, 2-5 inches long, often slightly curved; rachis and pedicels clothed with white hairs. The second glume of the sessile spikelet has a long straight awn, and the flowering glume has a long bent and twisted awn.

This grass occurs in hilly parts of Rájputána, Bandelkhand and the Central Provinces. It is found also in Burma and Ceylon, and extends to Africa and Australia. Mr. Lowrie says that it is one of the best fodder grasses in the Ajmere district. In Australia it is said to yield a fair amount of feed, and is readily eaten.

I. pilosum, Hack. Syn.—*Andropogon pilosus*, Klein. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Khund* (Chánda).

Glaucous. Roots strong, and thick like those of the *dáb*. Leaves rather narrow. Spikes solitary or in pairs, 2-4 inches long, clothed with long white silky hairs.

Occurs in black soil in the Central Provinces.

I. rugosum, Gärtn. Syn.—*Mesochium rugosum*, Nees.; *Thelopogon elegans*, Roth. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Mehat* (Sabátha Hills), *munmuna* (Karnál); RÁJPUTANA: *Jalgundya* (Ajmere), *tolí* (Udaipur); N.-W. PROV. and OODH: *Dhanna* (Pilibhit), *maror* (Kheri); CENT. PROV.: *Amarkarh* and *maggri, gadi* (Chánda), *murli* (Balaghát); BENGAL: *Marudi* (Santál); BENAR: *Tudi*.

Stems erect, branching. Leaves large and smooth; ligule bifid. Spikes in pairs, terminal and from the upper axils, 2-3 inches long, erect. Spikelets in pairs, one sessile, and the other on a thickened pedicel. Outer glumes hard and transversely rugose. Flowering glumes with a long twisted awn.

Common in wet ground in the plains and at low elevations on the

hills. Cattle and horses eat it when it is young. In some parts of the Central Provinces the grain is used as food. Roxburgh remarks that it is generally found growing amongst rice, and is so much like it, that they are not, till in flower, to be distinguished.

Vossia speciosa, Benth. (Syn.—*Ischemum speciosum*, Nees) is a Himalayan species occasionally extending to the base of the hills. It is a tall rather handsome grass

37. HETEROPOGON, Pers. There are 5 or 6 species inhabiting warm countries, one of which, the well-known *Spear grass*, is common all over India. The spikes are always solitary, and the pairs of spikelets are closely packed so as to overlap each other. The spikelets are 1-flowered. The sessile spikelet of each pair is fertile and awned, and the stalked ones are male and without awns. The long twisted and bent awn of the fertile spikelet tapers at the base into a sharp point (the point of the spear).

H. contortus, R. & S. (Plate XIX.) Syn.—*H. hirtus*, Pers.; *H. Roylei*, Nees; *Andropogon contortus*, Linn. Vern.—THAKS-INDUS: *Bariceza* and *sarmal* (Stewart); PUNJAB: *Sarāri*, *surāri*, *sariāla* and *surwāla*, lamb (Kángra and parts of Gujranwāla), *suriālu* (Salt Range), *sarāla* (E. Panjab), *sarwāla* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *huricāl* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV. and OODH: *Kunura* (Kumaon), *saricāla* (Dehra Dūn), *surwār* (Aligarh), *sarwār* (Muttra), *lap* (Agra), *pareba* (Etāwah), *paraúra* (Cawnpore), *parba* and *musel* (Allahabad), *riskawa* (Kheri), *surwāra* (Bhira); BUNDELKHAND: *Bandapuncha* (Banda), also *lamp*, *lampa*, *lampar*, *parba* and *parbi*; CENT. PROV.: *Hukara gadi* and *kusal* (Ohānda), *kusāli* and *khar* (Nagpur), *kusal* (Balaghāt); BENAR: *Pochati* and *saga*; BENGAL: *Kher* (Rev. A. Campbell); SANTALI: *Sauri ghās* (Rev. A. Campbell); TELUGA: *Teddi* (Roxb.).

Stems ascending or erect, 1–2 feet high. Leaves narrow, upper surface with a few long scattered hairs; sheaths flattened, thin, mouths bearded. Spikes stalked, 1–2 inches long not including the awns. Male spikelets closely imbricate, in two rows along one side of the spike, awnless. Female spikelets mostly confined to the upper part of the spike, narrow, surrounded by silky brown hairs, and awned.

Abundant in the plains, and up to 7,000 feet on the Himalaya. Largely used as fodder both before and after it has flowered, but chiefly when it is young and tender. In Rājputāna and Bundelkhand, where this grass abounds, it is cut and stacked after the rains are over. It is also cut for hay in the Hissar district, and Mr. Coldstream states that it will keep good in stack for 12 years. On Mount Abu the people consider

it the best fodder grass they have. In other districts it is said to be eaten only by buffaloes, or by cattle when they are hungry and cannot obtain other kinds of grass. It is much used for thatching. The spikes which when the spikes are ripe adhere in masses are called *sali* at Ajmere. In Australia it is looked upon as a splendid grass for a cattle run, as it produces a great amount of feed.

38. ANDROPOGON, Linn. A large genus containing about 100 described species. They are perennial grasses, usually tall, and with strong wiry stems. The spikelets are 1-flowered, arranged in pairs on spikes which may be solitary, in pairs, or several together. The rachis of each spike is distinctly jointed where each pair of spikelets is given off, one of each pair of spikelets being sessile and fertile, and the other is stalked and sterile; the terminal joint has usually two stalked sterile spikelets on either side of a sessile and fertile one. This genus is represented in India by the *khas-khas* grass (*A. muricatus*), and two other sweet-scented kinds (*A. Schananthus* and *A. laniger*); also by two or three species known under the name of *palwal* or *palwān*, and which are more or less esteemed as useful fodder grasses.

A. annulatus, Forsk. (Plate XX.)* *Syn.*—*Leptocercis annulatus*, Nees: *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Palwān* (General), *miniya* (Stewart), *palwān* (Multān), *palwal* and *parwal* (S. E. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Bānsi* (Jodhpur), *karr* (Ajmere); N.-W. PROV.: *Palmaha* (Dohra Dūn), *jarga* (Etāwah), *janeear* (Allahabad), *nalli* (Mainpuri), *nilon* (Aligarh); BUNDELKHAND: *Phulairi* (Lalitpur) and *donda* or *dunda* (Banda); the scandent form is called *khel* in the Lalitpur district; CENT. PROV.: *Māliyar* (Chānda).

Perennial. Stems branching, frequently subscandent; nodes hairy, the lower ones often bent. Spikes 5-6, terminal, sub-digitate, nearly sessile. Outer glume of the sessile hermaphrodite flower obtuse, and usually ending in three blunt teeth. Flowering glume reduced to a long bent and twisted awn four times as long as the spikelet.

Common all over the plains of Northern India by roadsides and in bushy places. It yields a considerable amount of fairly good fodder, which is largely made use of. It is very similar in habit to *A. Ischamum* and *A. pertusus*, differing from the former by its blunt glumes, and from the latter by the absence of the pit on the back of the outer glumes. Specimens with the outer glumes 3-dentate at the apex have hitherto been referred to *A. Bladhii*, Retz., but Prof. Hackel informs me that the true *A. Bladhii* is a Chinese variety of *A. annulatus*.

* Figs 1, 2 and 3 are copied from Roxburgh's original drawings of *A. Bladhii* Retz.

A. brevifolius, Swartz. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: Ware-gare or wanji-jári (Chánda).

Stems slender, decumbent, much branched, $\frac{1}{2}$ –1½ feet long. Leaves narrow, short, 1–2 inches long, obtuse or with a short oblique point. Spikes solitary, very slender, seldom above one inch long.

A. caricoides, Linn. Syn.—*A. serratus*, Retz; *A. filiformis*, Pers; *Lipocercis serrata*, Trin. Vern.—BUNDELKHAND: Kheral (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV.: Pulmanega gad; (Chánda), bilaria landi (Seoni); BERNAR: Killa machhar; BENGAL: Detara, and delta (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems decumbent at the base; upper nodes bearded. Spikes single or in pairs on filiform peduncles. Lower outer glume of fertile floret obovate, obtuse, and ending in three teeth; flowering glume reduced to a long golden coloured bent awn which soon becomes detached. From its general appearance one would be inclined to reckon its value for fodder about equal to that of *A. annulatus*.

A. fastigiatus, Swartz. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: Liyur (Chánda).

Apparently an annual with narrow finely pointed leaves. Spikes few, on very slender peduncles enclosed in narrow boat-shaped bracts. Rachis of spikes thickly clothed with white silky pubescence. Outer glumes with slender hair-like awns. Awns of flowering glumes much longer, bent and twisted.

A variety in which the whole plant assumes a reddish tinge, and the outer glumes are tinged with a darker colour, has been received from Chánda, in the Central Provinces, under the name of “lál kusai.” Similar specimens from Parasnath in Behar bear the manuscript name of *A. Lohardugga*, (C. B. Clarke.)

A. foveolatus, Del. (Plate XXI.) Syn.—*A. monostachys*, Spreng. Vern.—PONJAN: Guji munhák and sirvala (Hissar), RAJPUTANA: Boá-ri (Merwára), junjhli (Ajmere), lard gándhel (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV.: Murjaini (Etawah); BUNDELKHAND: Girgua (Jhansi), murjnah or mujna (Lalitpur).

Perennial, glaucous, caespitose. Stems erect or ascending, simple or branching; nodes hairy. Leaves narrow, with bulbous-based hairs on lower surface and near the mouth of the sheath. Spikes solitary at the summit of the stem or of each branch, slender, linear. Spikelets distichously imbricate in pairs, the one sessile hermaphrodite or female and awned, the other stalked and male or neuter and without awns. Rachis of spike and pedicels of sterile spikelets clothed with white hairs. Glumes of fertile spikelet with a pit just below the summit. Flowering glumes of fertile spikelet reduced to a slender twisted and bent awn three or four times as long as the spikelet.

Abundant on sandy and rocky ground in the plains, and usually reckoned a good fodder grass.

A. gangeticus, Hack. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: Kora gad; (Chánda)

A tall slender (annual?) grass with smooth and polished stems. Leaves narrow, scabrous; midrib white, prominent beneath. Panicle narrow, rather lax. Spikelets small, pale green; pedicels ciliate; awns slender, bent, and twisted below.

A. glaber, Roxb. Vern.—MARATHI: Tumbat (Dymock); BENGAL: Gundha-gorana (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems suberect, branched, 3-4 feet high, smooth as also are the leaves. Panicles ovate; branches slender, verticillate. Outer glumes of perfect floret purplish, on one of which is a shallow pit.

It is found in localities similar to where *A. annulatus* grows, but is not in such abundance. Roxburgh says that it is found thinly scattered on rather elevated spots over Bengal.

A. intermedius, R. Br. Syn.—*A. fascicularis*, Thw. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Kast gadi*, *lachi gadi*, and *mular* (Chānda); BERAR: *Khar jhara*.

A tall rather coarse-looking grass with thick fibrous roots and long narrow leaves. It resembles *A. Ischæmum* and *A. pertusus* in general appearance, but the panicles are more elongated and much more loose.

Var. punctatus. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Koda johar* (Seoni).

Outer glumes indented with a dorsal pit as in *A. pertusus*. It occurs in the hilly parts of Northern India, and is abundant on the Himalaya up to moderate elevations. The Seoni specimens have three shallow pits on the outer glumes of the sterile florets, and one deep pit on the glumes of the hermaphrodite floret.

A. Ischæmum, Linn. (Plate XXII.)* Vern.—TRANS-INDUS: *Turmurgah* (Col. Strong); PUNJAB: *Palwan* (Rawal Pindi), *phalwān* (Bār), *palwān* (E. Punjab), *palwal* (S. E. corner of Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Bharo-bheru* (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV.: *Jarga* (Aligarh and Muttra), *janewa* (Allahabad).

Perennial. Root creeping. Stems erect, simple or with few branches; nodes smooth or clothed with very short hairs. Spikes 5-10, in fascicles, usually with a reddish tinge; rachis and pedicels of male spikelets clothed with white hairs. Outer glumes of hermaphrodite spikelets acute. Flowering glume reduced to a slender twisted and bent awn about three times as long as the spikelet. Very similar in general appearance to *A. pertusus* and *A. annulatus*; from the former it differs by the absence of the pit on the back of the outer glumes, and from the latter in having the outer glumes narrower and acute.

This species is common in the plains of Northern India, and is generally considered to be a good fodder grass.

A. lancifolius, Trin. Syn.—*Dactrathrum molle*, Nees.

A small species, often only of annual duration. Stems decumbent, 1-1½ feet, smooth except at the nodes. Leaves broadly ovate lanceolate with cordate amplexicaul base, acuminate, softly hairy; sheaths inflated. Spikes ½-1 inch long, 2-5 together at the summit of slender capillary peduncles; nodes of rachis hairy. The flowering glume is furnished with a slender black awn bent below the middle, twice as long as the spikelets.

Hilly parts of Northern India. As this grass usually occurs on rocky ground, and often in more or less inaccessible positions, it is not well adapted for grazing purposes, though its nutritive properties may very possibly be of equal value to those of the more commonly utilized species of *Andropogon*.

A. laniger, Desf. (Plate XXIII.) Syn.—*A. Iwarancusa*, Roxb. (in part); *A. Oliverii*, Bois.; *Cymbopogon laniger*, Desf. Vern.—TRANS-

* See also Plate C, Fig. 14, of present Volume.

INDUS: *Sir ghurai* (Col. Strong); PUNJAB: *Solára, bur* (South Punjab), *khair* (Jhang), *gandhi* (J. R. D.), *khawi* (Central and N.-W. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Gander* (Ajmere), *runa* (Merwára), *dabsulo* (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV.: *Babheri* (Etáwah); MARATHI: *Jarámkush, azkhir, and khavi* (Dymock); HINDI: *Gandel* (Col. Strong).

Perennial, caespitose. Stems erect, thick and woolly below. Leaves smooth, glaucous, stiff; blades narrow and convolute. Panicles erect, narrowly oblong, composed of distant fascicles of spikes surrounded at the base by blunt boat-shaped yellowish sheaths. Rachis and pedicels of the awnless male spikelets densely clothed with white hairs. Flowering glumes of hermaphrodite florets minute, transparent, bidentate, and with a very slender bent awn from between the teeth.

This is one of the sweet-scented grass, the roots of which are sometimes used like *khás-khas* in the manufacture of tatties. It is common on uncultivated land in Sindh, the Punjab, Rájputána and parts of the N.-W. Provinces; it is also recorded from Tibet at an elevation of 11,000 feet. As a fodder grass it does not rank high in regard to its nutritive qualities. It is, however, largely made use of by cattle when it is young and tender. Its scent is said to affect the flavour of their milk. It is often stacked and forms a useful supply in times of scarcity. Mr. Coldstream says that it will keep good in stack for upwards of 10 or 12 years. For horses it is not to be recommended. Mr. J. B. Hallen tells me that the natives of Chhattar in Beluchistan state that cattle eat it with impunity, but that horses suffer from colic after feeding on it. Col. Strong also mentions the same circumstance. In the Jhang Settlement Report it is stated that the *khair* grass grows in hollows where water collects, and seems to prefer *kallar*, that cows graze upon it if hard pressed, but not otherwise; also that the *bár* housewives use wisps of this grass to clean out vessels used for churning and holding milk. A perfume is manufactured from it, and the aromatic oil is sometimes used as a cooling medicine. For further information regarding the history and medicinal properties of this grass reference should be made to Dr. Dymock's "Vegetable Materia Medica of Western India," p. 850.

A. muricatus, Retz. (Plate XXIV.)* *Syn.*—*A. squarrosus*, Linn.; *Anatherum muricatum*, Retz.; *Rhaphis muricata*, Nees; *Vetiveria odorata*, Viroy. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Panni* and *khás-khas* (roots); TRANS-INDUS: *Mushkani* (Col. Strong); PUNJAB: *Biran* (stems) (Kángra), *pánni* (Bágrí dialects and S. Punjab), *sink* (stems) (E. Punjab);

* See also Plate C., Fig. 15, of present Volume.

BUNDELKHAND: *Ganrar*, *onei*, *orai*, *durbachi* (Jhānsi); N.-W. Prov. and OUDH: *Sink-jhāru* (Dohra Dīn), *ganrar* (Muttra), *gānrār* (Allahabad), *garar* and *gandel* (Mainpuri), *gandar* (Bhira), *gānder* (Khorī); CENT. PROV.: *Urai* (Balaghāt), *ursori* (Chānda); MARATHI: *Varelu* and *ushir* (Dymock); BENGAL: *Bena* (Roxb.), *Siron* (Santāli); TAMIL: *Wettivēar* (Roxb.); S. INDIA: *Pettiver*.

Perennial. Roots composed of long spongy brownish coloured fibres. Stems many, smooth, simple, erect, 4-6 feet high. Leaves near the base, bifarious, narrow, erect, smooth, 2-3 feet long. Panicle conical, 6 inches to 1 foot, composed of many simple linear spike-like racemes arranged in verticels. Flowers in pairs, without awns. Glumes of hermaphrodite florets nearly equal, mucronated on the back.

Generally distributed throughout the plains of Northern India, especially on moist low-lying land. It affords good fodder when young, and is much relished by buffaloes. It is not stacked as fodder, and the cut grass is given to cattle only in seasons of excessive drought. This grass is used largely as a thatching material; and the fragrant roots, known under the name of *khas-khas*, are used all over Northern India in the manufacture of tatties. In the Sirsa Settlement Report it is stated that the roots are dug up by the villagers, who sometimes pay the owner of the ground a small fee of 4 annas per digger, and that they are sold at about a rupee a maund to hanyas, who send them to Lahore and Ferozepur. In the Jhang Settlement Report mention is made of the tough roots being used for making rope, and also the brushes used by the weavers for arranging the threads of the web. The brushes of the Sahrānpur and Dohra Dīn weavers are of the same material. Baskets are made of the stems (*sink*), which are sometimes dyed. At Bhira, in Oudh, a perfume called *īar* is extracted, and used medicinally under the name of *uraiya*. For further information regarding the medicinal properties of this grass, see Dr. Dymock's "Vegetable Materia Medica of Western India," p. 851.

A. pachyarthrus, Hack. (Plate LIX.) *Syn.*—*A. demissus*, Steud. *Vern.*—BUNDELKHAND: *Gangrua*; CENT. PROV.: *Mālakaya* (Nagpur), *mālka-phalka* (Chānda).

Stems erect, smooth, 6 inches to 1½ feet high. Leaves rather small, the upper ones reduced to sheaths. Panicles embraced by the leaf sheaths, of many terminal and axillary spikes on a slender jointed peduncle. Outer glume of hermaphrodite floret cuspidate; flowering glume reduced to a long slender bent awn.

Common on open usar soil in Rājputāna and Bundelkhand, and on

sandy soil in the Central Provinces. It is considered to be a good fodder grass for cattle, but not for horses.

A. pertusus, Willd. (Plate XXV.)* *Syn.*—*Lepeocercis pertusus*, Hassk.; *Holcus pertusus*, Linn. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Palwa*; PUNJAB: *Palwai* and *parwal* (S.-E. Punjab), *pahoán* (E. Punjab), *girji* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *Chirrya* (Ajmere), *chapruio* (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV.: *Janeva* (Allahabad); BUNDELKHAND: *Ruláh* (Banda) and *tikriya*; CENT. PROV.: *Chota piya* and *vida-gucha gadi* (Chánda), *gohhaya* (Nagpur), *malhar* (Balaghát); BENAR: *Killa*.

Perennial. Stems creeping at the base, erect above, bearded at the nodes. Leaves narrow, tapering to a fine point, hairy at the mouth of the sheath. Spikes 5-9, fascicled. Rachis and pedicels of male spikelets clothed with white hairs. Outer glume of hermaphrodite spikelet hard, acute, clothed with long silky hairs below, and a little above the middle there is a round or ovate pit. Flowering glume reduced to a bent and twisted awn considerably longer than the spikelet.

This grass, which is met with all over the plains of Northern India, is universally esteemed as a good fodder grass, both for grazing and stacking. In Australia also it is highly valued, being regarded as one of the best grasses to stand long droughts, while it will bear any amount of feeding. It is useful also as a winter grass if the weather is not too severe.

A. Schoenanthus, Linn. (Plate XXVI.) *Syn.*—*A. Martini*, Roxb.; *A. pachnodes*, Trin.; *A. Calamus-aromaticus*, Royle. *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Dang rhauns* and *mirchia gand* (Outer Simla Hills), *matora* (Kángra), *gandi* (N.-E. Punjab), *rosa* (Rawal Pindi), *rauhs* (Hissar), *panni* (S.-W. Punjab), *rhausa* (S.-E. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Rhaunsa* and *roinsa* (Ajmere), *rauhs* (Mount Abu); BUNDELKHAND: *Mircha*, *mirchua*, *chipara*, *rauhs*, *mirchia*, and *bhor* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Rosa* and *thikari* (Balaghát), *tiladi-moti* (Nagpur); BENAR: *Tikhari*; MATHURA: *Roshegavat* and *rolish* (Dymock); BENGAL: *Gundha-bena*, *ivarakusha*, *ibharankusha* and *kurankusha* (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems many, erect, 3-6 feet high, terete and finely striate; joints swollen; sheaths loose, smooth, shorter than the joints; ligule very short. Leaves broad, rounded and $\frac{1}{2}$ -amplexicaul at the base, smooth except the hispid margins. Panicle $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet or more, contracted, composed of numerous fascicles of slender pedicelled spikes which are surrounded at the base and sometimes concealed within boat-shaped bracts. The bracts turn to a brilliant reddish colour when mature. Rachis and

* See also Plate C, Fig. 16, of present Volume.

pedicels clothed with white hairs. Flowering glume of fertile spikelet reduced to a slender bent awn.

Plentiful in certain parts of Northern India, and at low elevations on the Himalaya. It is largely used for fodder in Rājputāna, Bundelkhand and in the Central Provinces, where it is abundant in company with *Heteropogon contortus*, *Andropogon muricatus*, and *Ischaemum laxum* (musel), usually on low-lying swampy ground. It is not considered to be a very good fodder-grass either for grazing or stacking. In Rājputāna it usually forms the roof portion of the stacks composed of musel and spear-grass. It is much used for thatching and sometimes for tatties. A fragrant oil, known as *rusa ka tel*, is extracted, and is used as a remedy for rheumatism, and from the roots a drug is prepared and employed in cases of intermittent fever. For further information, see Dr. Dymock's "Vegetable Materia Medica of Western India," p. 847.

A. tropicus, Sprng. Syn.—*Holcus fulvus*, R. Br.; *Sorghum fulvum*, Beauv.; *S. muticum*, Nees. Vern.—OUDH: *Italia* (Kheri).

A tall rather slender grass. Stems densely hairy at the nodes. Leaves narrow, scabrous. Panicle loose, 4-8 inches. Hairs of pedicels and spikelets of a rich brown colour. Sessile spikelets black and shining when ripe.

Hilly parts of Northern India. It is occasionally used as fodder.

39. CHRYSOPOGON, Trin. This genus, which consists of about 20 species distributed over tropical and temperate regions, is distinguished by having the spikelets in threes terminating the filiform jointed branchlets of the panicle, the central one being sessile and fertile, and the lateral stalked and sterile, with occasionally 1-3 additional pairs of spikelets below the terminal triplots.

C. aciculatus, Trin. Syn.—*Andropogon aciculatus*, Retz.; *A. acicularis*, Kunth; *Rhaphis trivialis*, Lour. Vern.—BENGAL: *Chora-lanta* (Roxb.).

Perennial, caespitose. Stems prostrate, creeping, and much branched below. Leaves with long sheaths and short blades. Panicles narrow, compact; pedicels hairy.

Plains of Northern India, on wet barren soil. This grass is of little or no use as fodder.

C. coerulescens, Nees. (Plate LX.) Syn.—*Rhaphis coerulescens*, Nees. Vern.—PONJAN: *Dhaultian* (Himalaya), *khar* (Salt Range); N.-W. PROV.: *Dhaulta* (Siwalik Range), *ghweia* (Kumaun); BUNDELKHAND: *Tigri*; CENT. PROV.: *Palla paggar gadi* (Chanda); BENGAL: *Jhingra-ka-jhara*, and *khidi*.

Perennial, caespitose. Leaves glaucous, long and narrow, hispid. Panicle loose. Spikelets on long filiform peduncles, usually of a bluish

Common in hilly parts of Northern India, usually on stony or sandy soil. On the Siwalik range it is used extensively as fodder.

C. Gryllus, Trin.* Syn.—*Andropogon Gryllus*, Linn.; *Holcus Gryllus*, R. Br. Perennial, caespitose. Leaves long, narrow. Panicle loose, spreading, 3 to 6 inches long, branches numerous, simple, capillary, mostly verticillate, of unequal length. Second glume of fertile floret awned; awn of terminal one long and rigid.

Hilly parts of Northern India. It is said to be an excellent pasture grass in Australia.

C. montanus, Trin. Syn.—*C. parviflorus*, Benth.; *Andropogon montanus*, Roxb.; *A. monticola*, R. and S.; *Sorghum parviflorum*, Beauv. Vern.—RAJPUTANA: *Ballak* (Mount Abu).

Perennial. Stems 2½ feet, more or less villous at the nodes. Leaves flat, tapering to a fine point; sheaths smooth or villous. Panicle 4-8 inches long, much branched; ultimate branches hair-like, supporting minute spikelets scarcely 1½ lines long. Central sessile spikelet with a tuft of white hairs at the base. Awn of flowering glume six or seven times its length.

Hilly parts of Northern India. On Mount Abu I found several patches of this very elegant grass growing in depressions of the hill overlooking the Civil station. It is said there to be an excellent fodder grass, and the grain is collected and used as food by the natives.

C. aciculatus, Trin. Is recorded from Jhelam (Aitchison), Moradabad (T. Thomson), and Banda (Edgeworth).

40. *SORGHUM*, Pers. There are two species, both of which occur in India; one is "juar," and the other a widely distributed grass known as "baru." The arrangement and structure of the spikelets is very similar to that of *Chrysopogon*, but the panicle branches are scarcely jointed, and the outer glume of the fertile spikelet is ovate and becomes hard.

S. halepense, Pers. (Plate XXVII.)† Syn.—*Holcus halepensis*, Linn.; *Andropogon halepensis*, Sibth.; *A. arundinaceus*, Scop. Vern.—GENERAL: *Baru*; KASHMIR: *Brahm* (Stewart); KUMAON: *Bikhonda* (Watson); BUNDELKHAND: *Bājra*, *baru* and *bara* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Galla jāri* and *padā jalla gadi* (Chanda); BENGAL: *Karāl*.

A tall perennial with creeping rhizome which throws up many suckers. Stems many and branching. Leaves flat, smooth; midrib prominent beneath. Panicle pyramidal, with numerous spreading branches. Hermaphrodite spikelets ovate oblong. Male spikelets oblong lanceolate, all clothed with short hairs at the base; glumes pubescent, grain oblong.

* See Plate D., Fig. 17, of present Volume.

† See also Plate D., Fig. 18, of present Volume.

Common all over Northern India in cultivated and uncultivated ground. It is considered to be a good fodder grass both for grazing and as hay. Various reports however indicate its injurious effects on cattle if eaten when too young, or when the plants are stunted by drought. The same results have been observed to take place in the case of *juar* (*Sorghum vulgare*). Dr. Stewart was told in Hazara that cattle, after eating it, are often attacked by fatal head affections. In Gujranwala, Gujrat and Shahpur districts it is said to be poisonous until the rains are over, when cattle eat it with impunity. Tod, in his "Rajasthan," Vol. ii., p. 170, mentions that the seed of this grass is collected, and mixed with *bajra* flour is eaten by the poorer classes in Bikanir. In Australia it is valued both for pasturage and hay, and is much sought after by cattle. Native pens are made from the stems of this plant. No allusion is made regarding the injurious properties of this grass when young, either in Australia or in the United States. In the latter country, where it is known as "Johnson grass," "Cuba grass," "Menn's grass," and "False Guinea grass," it is highly valued as the following extracts from Dr. Vasey's "Report on the Grasses of the South," pages 16 and 17 (1887) will show:—

"Mr. N. B. Moore has cultivated this grass for 40 years and prefers it to all others, is perennial, is as nutritious as any other, difficult to eradicate, will grow on ordinary soil, and yields abundantly.

"Horses and cattle are fond of it both in its dry and green condition. Probably no grass gives better promise for the dry arid lands of the West.

"This grass is best adapted to warm climates, and has proved most valuable on warm dry soils in the Southern States Its chief value is for hay, in regions where other grasses fail on account of drought. If cut early the hay is of good quality, and several cuttings may be made in the season.

"In California it is known as 'Evergreen' or 'Arabian Millet'. It roots deep in the subsoil, and where that is at all alkaline, it grows enormously, but at the same time absorbs so much of the unpalatable alkali that stock will not eat it. It is excellent for dry hills free from alkali."

S. vulgare, Pers. Syn.—*Holcus Sorghum*, Linn., *Andropogon Sorghum*, Brot. **Pern.—**GENERAL: *Juar*, *chari* (sown close for fodder); PUNJAB: *Juar*, (Stewart), N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Junri* (Western Districts), *choti juar* and *choti junri* (Oudh and Benares), *bajra-jhupamva* (Azamgarh); BENGAL: *Kara-jonar* (Chutia Nagpur); TELUGU: *Jando*, *londa* and *tella* (Roxb.); S. INDIA: *Cholum*.

A tall handsome grass. Stems erect, thick, succulent, often tinged with red or yellowish blotches. Leaf blades broad, narrowing gradually to their tips, smooth except at their junction with the sheath; midrib prominent beneath, channelled above; sheaths very long. Flowers in dense oval panicles; heads nodding before ripening. Spikelets in pairs, 1-flowered, one sessile and hermaphrodite, the other stalked and

Karar-gandhel-dungar-lo (Jeypur); **BUNDELKHAND**: *Musel*, *musidl*, and *machauri* (Lalitpur); **CENT. PROV.**: *Masdn*, *manchi-malwa* and *malwajari* (Chānda), *masdn*, *tikha-lodan* and *gonda* (Nagpur), *ghorayat* (Seoni).

Annual. Stems numerous, suberect or prostrate, 1-2½ feet. Leaves rather short; blades of upper ones much reduced, ciliate at the mouth of the inflated sheaths. Panicles slender; clusters of spikelets terminal and axillary, rather distant. Bracts longer than the spikelets, membranous at the edges, and usually with the remnant of the blade which is ciliate at the base. Pedicels with tufts of hairs at the base. Hermaphrodite florets with long slender twisted and slightly bent awns.

Common in the plains of Northern India on low-lying land where the soil is good. In Bundelkhand this grass is abundant and largely used as fodder, and is prized above all other kinds. It is sweet scented when fresh. Mr. Coldstream says that it is very common in the Hissar bir swamps, in good land; and that where it will grow wheat will grow. It is both grazed and stacked, and is much eaten by buffaloes.

I. Wightii, Anders. *Syn.*—*Anthistiria Wightii*, Nees.; *A. Bladhii*, Wight; *A. prostrata*, Trin. *Vern.*—**PUNJAB**: *Ganni* (Gujranwāla, Shāhpur and Lahore); **N.-W. PROV.**: *Gandel* (Aligarh); **CENT. PROV.**: *Ghor-masdn*, *musdn* and *palsu-malwa-gadi* (Chānda), *musdn* (Balaghāt).

Very similar to the preceding species, but usually more diffuse and often quite prostrate. The clusters of spikelets are smaller, and usually more exerted from the bracts; and the keel and edges of the bracts are studded with pillose excrescences.

Plains of Northern India on low lying or swampy ground. In Bundelkhand and the Central Provinces it is frequently the prevailing grass on the black soil, its reddish coloured stems and spikelets rendering it a conspicuous object from a considerable distance. Its value as fodder is probably equal to that of *I. laxum*.

43. APLUDA, Linn.* There are 2 species, both of them occurring in India. The arrangement of the spikelets is rather peculiar and somewhat puzzling. Each cluster contains a triple branch of spikelets enclosed in a sheathing bract; the central sessile branch is composed of a fertile floret with a male floret below it, and on either side are two flattened pedicels, each bearing a rudimentary or barren spikelet.

A. aristata, Linn. (*Plate XXIX*). *Syn.*—*A. rostrata*, Nees. *Vern.*—**GENERAL**: *Gandhi*; **PUNJAB**: *Ganni* (Lahore), *santhran* (Kāngra),

* See Plate II, Fig 20, of present Volume.

munmona (Patilā Hills), *murmuru* (E. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Gauān* (Joypur), *bhanktu* (Ajmore), *bonta* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV.: *Baru* (General), *bhajura* (Etāwah), *bhajjura* (Allahabad); BUNDELKHAND: *Bhaingri* or *bhajjuri* and *send* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Gugar-gadi* and *kattangiya sused* (Chānda), *bhvs-jari* (Seoni); BENGAL: *Durhi ghās* (Santal), *goroma* (Roxb.); TELING: *Footstrangali* (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems creeping or scandent, often reddish coloured, lower parts naked. Flowering branches erect, one to several feet high. Leaves somewhat bifarious, backwardly hispid. Spikelets in a large leafy panicle; bracts boat-shaped, with an awn-like point, enclosing three sets of florets; the central branch contains a fertile awned floret with a male floret on one side of it; the lateral branches consist of sterile rudimentary florets supported by flattened pedicels.

Very common all over the plains of N.-W. India and at low elevations on the Himalaya. In hedges and bushy places it usually assumes a climbing habit. In forest land it often constitutes a large portion of the under-growth. It is considered to be a fairly good fodder grass, and is readily eaten by cattle when young.

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TRIBE VII. PHALARIDÆ.

44. *PHALARIS*, Linn. Two out of the nine or ten described species are found in Upper India, but neither of them possess any appreciable value as fodder plants. The spikelets are densely packed in an oval spike-like panicle. The two inferior glumes remain persistent under the joint; they are longer than the other glumes, and are furnished with a more or less broadly winged keel. *P. minor*, Retz., is a common weed on cultivated land in the plains, and up to about 4,000 feet on the Himalaya. *P. paradoxa*, Linn. f., has been recorded from Lahore by Stewart, but I have seen no specimens. *P. canariensis*, Linn. (Canary grass), and *P. arundinacea*, Linn., are introductions.

45. *CRYPsis*, Ait. Contains a single species inhabiting S. Europe, N. Africa, and N.-W. India. It is a small annual grass with prostrate stiff brittle branches. The spikelets are in dense heads, which are surrounded by 2-3 sheathing bracts. It has four glumes (none below the joint as in *Phalaris*), and two stamens.

C. aculeata, Ait. (Plate LXII.)^{*} Syn.—*Schæenus aculeatus*, Linn.; *Anthoxanthum aculeatum*, Linn.; *Phleum schænoides*, Jacq.; *Antirragus*

^{*} See also Plate D., Fig. 24, of present Volume.

aculeatus, Gærtn.; *Heloscihoa diandra*, Host. A prostrate glaucous annual with branching compressed brittle stems. Leaves spreading subulate; sheaths loose, shorter than its internode.

Not uncommon in N.-W. India on a sandy soil. This grass is nutritious looking, and not unlike dūb in texture and colouring; its value, however, is much lessened by being an annual.

46. *ALOPECURUS*, Linn. Species about 20, three of which occur in Northern India, including the well-known *Meadow Fox-tail grass* (*A. pratensis*). The flat spikelets are crowded into a cylindrical spike-like panicle. The two outer glumes are boat-shaped and have a prominent keel, and the flowering glumes are awned on the back. Pale and lodicules none.

A. agrestis, Linn.* Annual, stems 1-2 feet. Panicle spike-like, narrow and acute. Empty glumes connate to about the middle.

Punjab plains in cultivated ground (Stewart) In Italy it is considered to be a good fodder grass fresh or dry.

A. geniculatus, Linn. Perennial. Stems procumbent and rooting at the lower nodes. Sheaths of upper leaves loose. Spike-like panicle slender, obtuse. Empty glumes connate at the base.

Plains of N.-W. India and up to 5,000 feet on the Himalaya. Mueller describes it as a good fodder grass for swampy land.

A. pratensis, Linn. Perennial. Stems erect, 1-3 feet. Sheaths of upper leaves inflated. Panicle cylindrical, 2-3 inches long, obtuse. Outer glumes nearly free at the base; keels hairy.

This species is well known in England as an excellent fodder grass. On the Himalaya it is abundant at moderate elevations, extending down to the plains in the Punjab. In Australia it is said to be one of the best of their perennial pasture grasses, and that sheep thrive well on it. In the United States, where it has been introduced, it is highly valued as being one of the earliest of the grasses to start in the spring. None of these species of *Alopecurus*, mentioned above, are sufficiently abundant in the plains to be considered of much account. They are all capable, however, of being cultivated as cold weather grasses, and as such might be advantageously utilized.

TRIBE VIII. AGROSTIDÆ.

47. *ARISTIDA*, Linn. Species upwards of 100, chiefly characteristic of dry sandy tracts, and they are easily recognised by their thin feathery appearance. The flowering glume is terminated by a long slender

* See Plate D., Fig. 22.

awn divided into three branches. The cylindrical shaped grain is closely enveloped by the flowering glume. Of the North Indian species occurring in the plains the two following are the most important as fodder grasses owing to their greater abundance.

A. depressa, Retz. (Plate XXX.) Syn.—*A. caerulea*, Desf. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Lamb* and *lamba* (General), *ghyān* and *ghyāni* (Kángra), *lam'e* (Cont. Punjab), *lam* (Jhang), *lámp* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *Rámpla* (Jeypur); BUNDELKHAND: *Ohoti parba* and *sinka* (Lalitpur); TELINGA: *Nalli-pootiki* (Roxb.).

A slender annual with hard wiry stems and narrow subulate leaves. Panicle spike-like 3-8 inches long, interrupted towards the base. Spikelets sessile narrow, crowded, often tinged with purple.

Common on sandy ground in North-West India. Opinions vary as to the value of this grass for fodder. Stewart described it as a favourite fodder for cattle in the Punjab. Symonds says that it is a troublesome grass which cattle will not eat. Coldstream states that it is grazed, but is too short and light to stack; that it covers the Hissar bir in vast sheets, is too fine to cut with a scythe, but is nutritious, and particularly relished by cattle. In the Jhang Settlement Report it is stated to be a grass of average quality, and is found growing in kallar. Neither at Ajmere nor at Jeypur is it considered to be a good fodder grass.

A. hystrix, Linn. f. (Plate XXXI.) Vern.—GENERAL: *Lámp*; RAJPUTANA: *Lápri dhauri* (Ajmere), *lál rámpla* (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV.: *Lappa* (Etáwah), *láppa* (Allahabad); TELINGA: *Shilpuroo-kalli* (Roxb.).

Stems 1-2 feet, branching, and rather straggling. Panicle large, oval, thin, branches spreading. A more rigid grass than the preceding, and with a broader and more open panicle.

Common on dry sandy or stony ground in Northern India. As a fodder grass it would be ranked as of equal value with the preceding.

Mr. Edgeworth in his "Florida Mallica" (Multan District) mentions the following additional species:—

(1). *A. articulata*, Edgew. Erect, glabrous. Leaves needle-like. Panicle contracted. Glumes about equal; awn jointed at the top of the stipe. Found in the Rechnab desert, Punjab. (2). *A. funiculata*, Trin. and Rupr. (3). *A. hirtiglume*, Steud. (4). *A. hystrioides*, Edgew. Small, glabrous. Upper glume twice as long as the oval mucronate inferior one. Very unlike *A. hystrix*, Linn. f., in habit. Sindh and Multan. (5). *A. mallica*, Edgew. Leaves scabrous, pilose. Glumes nearly equal, the lower one a little the longer very acute terminating in a hispid bristle. This species is technically most like *A. Royleana*, Trin., but the habit is very different. It is of a reddish colour and very dwarf. (6). *A. plumosa*, Linn., Vern.—*Lona* or *ronal* (Stewart). Found by Edgeworth at Jhang: and on the sand-hills to the south of the Multan district. (7). *A. pogonoptila*, Jaub. and

Spach. (8). *A. Royleana*, Trin.* Mr. Edgeworth also records the following in his list of Banda plants—*A. capillacea*, Lamk., and *A. vulgaris*.

Allied to *Aristida* is the genus *Stipa* containing several Himalayan and Tibetan species, one of which, *S. siberica*, Lamk., is said to be poisonous to cattle in Kashmir and Afghanistan. Mr. A. L. Lowrie has sent specimens of a *Stipa* gathered near Ajmere, and which Professor Haeckel tells me is undescribed. It is called *Idpra dhawia* at Ajmere. It is of no use for fodder.

48. HELEOCHLOA, Host. Species 7 or 8, chiefly Mediterranean. Two of these occur in the drier parts of the Panjab and Sindh. The spikelets are crowded into dense ovoid or cylindrical spikes. The empty glumes are shorter than the flowering glumes and remain persistent below the joint. This last character distinguishes this genus from *Cryptis*, which superficially has a remarkable resemblance to some of the forms of *Heleochoila schanoides*. Stamens two.

H. alopecuroides, Boiss. Syn.—*Cryptis phalaroides*, M. B.; *Phalaris geniculata*, Sm.

Annual, glaucous. Stems simple. Leaves narrowly linear, acuminate, margin and upper surface rough; sheaths not swollen. Spikes oblong, cylindrical, dense, often turning black.

H. schanoides, Host.* Syn.—*Phleum schanoides*, Linn.; *Cryptis schanoides*, Lamk. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Tulaphetar* (Multan).

Annual, glaucous. Stems branched, compressed, spreading. Leaves linear, acuminate; upper sheaths swollen and open. Spikes ovate oblong dense. Bracts 1-2.

49. SPOROBOLUS, R. Br. Species upwards of 80, six or more of which are found in the plains of Northern India. The genus is distinguished by its minute awnless florets, which are arranged in a panicle either loose and spreading, or narrow and spike-like. The ripe grain becomes exposed, and readily detaches itself from the glume; the seed also is usually quite loose within the thin pericarp.

S. commutatus, Boiss. Syn.—*Vilfa commutata*, Trin.

A dwarf annual. Lower part of stems leafy, naked above. Leaves broadly linear, short, many nerved, and flat: margins cartilaginous and aciculate ciliate; sheaths subauriculate and pilose. Panicle branches in verticels, short, spreading. Florets very minute.

In sandy and stony localities. Not sufficiently abundant, however, to be considered of much importance for fodder.

S. coromandeliana, Roxb. Syn.—*Agrostis coromandeliana*, Linn. Vern.—TELANG: *Jelhka-tungoo-gadi* (Roxb.).

Stems 4-8 inches high. Panicle verticelled; branches simple, secund. Seeds naked, ovate, rugose.

This species is included in Edgeworth's list of Banda plants.

S. diander, Beauv. (Plate LXIII.) Syn.—*Agrostis diandra*, Linn. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Nonak* (Lahore); N.-W. PROV.: *Chirya-ka-dana* (Allahabad); BUNDELKHAND: *Galphula*; BENGAL: *Bena-joni* (Roxb.).

Smooth. Stems erect, 1-3 feet. Leaves very narrow, and tapering to a fine point; mouth of sheaths slightly bearded. Panicle narrow, often a foot long, usually bending over a little. Florets in pairs, diandrous.

* See Plate B., fig. 22.

Common in the plains, and at moderate elevations on the Himalaya. It is said to be readily eaten by horses and cattle at Lahore; and is also favourably mentioned at Gujranwala and Shāhpur.

S. indicus, *R. Br.* Syn.*—*S. tenacissimus*, Beauv.; *Vilfa tenacissima*, Trin. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Khīr* (Gujranwala); BUNDELKHAND: *Ratua* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Ghorla* (Balaghat).

An erect grass growing in tufts, 1–2 feet high, glabrous except along the margin of the sheaths. Leaves mostly at the base of the stem, narrow, upper with long sheaths. Spikelike panicle long and narrow, continuous or interrupted. Spikelets numerous, crowded along the erect imbricate or distant branches.

Plains of North-West India, ascending to moderate elevations on the Himalaya, and generally spread over the tropical and subtropical parts of the world. In the Gujranwala district (Punjab) it is considered to be a good fodder grass, especially for horses. At Balaghat (Central Provinces) it is found on clay soils, and is used as fodder when young. In Australia it is valued as an excellent pasture grass for alluvial soils; it stands drought well, and is greedily eaten by stock.

In the United States, this grass, which is known there under the name of "Smut grass," is of considerable value, for grazing purposes if frequently cut or grazed down, but if allowed to remain untouched long, cattle and horses will not eat it unless very hungry, as it becomes tough and unpalatable. Mr. J. N. Brashear of Port Gibson, Miss., quoted by Dr. Vasey, remarks in reference to this species—"It is common all over our pasture lands, and is very hardy, standing any sort of weather. It grows well on almost any kind of land, but does best on rich moist bottoms. It is not used to any considerable extent for hay, but it makes splendid feed if cut while young. It will yield about 1½ tons per acre.....It makes a splendid pasture plant, and that is what we generally use it for. Stock are generally fond of it until it goes to seed, and they sometimes use it when dry in winter."

S. orientalis, Kunth. (Plate XXXII.)† *Syn.*—*Vilfa orientalis*, Nees. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Tandua* (Kangra), *kheo* (Cent. and S. Punjab); N.-W. PROV.: *Usar-ki-ghās* (General), *kar-usara-ghās* and *kālusra* (Awa).

Perennial. Stems extensively creeping and rooting at the nodes after the manner of *dāb*, but very different both in foliage and inflorescence. Leaves crowded at the base of the stems, rather narrow, and convolute, tapering to a fine point. Flowering stems long, wiry, and naked above. Panicle loose pyramidal; branches verticillate. Spikelets many, minute. Outer glume hyaline, rounded at the apex, much smaller than the inner and darker coloured glumes.

This grass is strictly confined to saline soils, and is found on all the

* See Plate F, Fig. 21, of present Volume.

† Fig. 1 of Plate XXXII. is from Roxburgh's drawing of *Agrostis tenacissima*, Linn = *Spor. tenacissimus*, Beauv. and *Spor. indicus*, R. Br.

usar tracts in Northern India, often constituting the entire vegetation. As such it is not only useful as an unmistakeable indicator of reh-infected soils, but also by affording an abundant supply of fodder over large areas of land where other plants are unable to exist. The experiments now being undertaken at Aligarh and Cawnpore for the reclamation of reh-infected land are of great interest in regard to the changes affecting the growth of this grass. The immediate effect of excluding all cattle from usar land is the production of a more luxuriant growth of the usar grass, and its rapid extension over what were formerly bare efflorescent patches. At the same time other kinds of grasses quickly take advantage of the improved condition of the soil consequent on the more vigorous growth of the usar grass; for the thicker coating of usar grass helps to moderate the scorching rays of the sun, and in this way diminishes the upward capillary movement of the reh salts. On all usar tracts there are usually to be seen patches of various sizes scattered here and there, usually in the form of ridges or mounds. These raised portions are nearly always found to support an assortment of plants indicating a distinctly different condition of soil compared to that of their surroundings. *Dabb* and other valuable grasses form a large proportion of the vegetation of these raised patches, and are ever ready to encroach wherever the ground in their immediate neighbourhood becomes fitted for their existence. The usar grass does not appear to be able to hold its own on ground which is capable of supporting these other grasses; it will, therefore, gradually disappear as the reclamation of the reh-infected tracts proceeds.

S. pallidus, Nees. Syn.—*Vilfa pallida*, Nees. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Budhan* and *budhar* (E. Punjab), *palingi* (Hissar); N.-W. PROV.: *Karno* (Royle).

Similar in height and habit to *S. orientalis*, but the stoloniferous rhizomes are much shorter; the panicles are narrower, their branches shorter and more erect.

Common in the Punjab and Rájputána on sandy ground, growing gregariously, and affording a considerable amount of forage.

50. POLYPOGON, Desf. Species about 10, inhabiting temperate regions of the world. Panicle densely spike-like. The long weak awns which give it a soft and brush-like appearance arise from the outer empty glumes, the flowering glumes have very short awns.

P. monspeliensis, Desf.* Syn.—*Alopecurus monspeliensis*, Linn.; *A. panicus*, Linn.; *Phleum erinatum*, Schreb.; *Agrostis panicea*, Willd. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Malthar* (Salt Range), *mandun* (Karnál). RAJPUTANA: *Chitra* (Ajmere).

Stems about one foot high. Awn of empty glumes three or four times as long as the glume.

* See Plate I., Fig. 25, of present Volume.

A common weed in cultivated ground. It is an ornamental grass, but of little value for fodder.

P. fugax, *Nees*.

The spike-like panicles are larger and more distinctly branched than those of *P. monspeliensis*. The much shorter awns and larger spikelets give it also a very different aspect.

Plains and hills of Northern India, usually on wet ground. It occurs also in Australia. It is of little value for fodder.

TRIBE IX. AVENÆ.

51. *AVENA*, *Linn.* Species about 40, chiefly confined to the temperate regions of the old world. The spikelets are 3-5 flowered and arranged in a loose panicle. The flowering glume is rounded on the back, 2-cleft at the summit, and many-nerved; from its back arises a long twisted and bent awn. The ripe grain which is usually adherent to the pale is furrowed in front. There are no indigenous species to be found in the plains of Northern India. The two which will be presently mentioned are the cultivated *oat*, and the other is an introduced weed, which occasionally makes its appearance in wheat and barley fields, and has been supposed by some to be a degenerate form of oats.

A. sativa, *Linn.* Vern.—PUNJAB: *Gandal*, *ganer*, and *jai* (Stewart), *ganhel* (Cent. Punjab), *gozang* (Chenáb), *jandel* (Cent. and S.-W. Punjab).

Flowering glumes of a firm texture at the base, and covered outside with long brown hairs.

I have received no particular information as to its value for fodder in this country. Dr. Vasey in his "Report on the Agricultural Grasses of the United States" mentions—

"that some people have thought this species to be the original of the cultivated oats, but that the alleged facts are not sufficiently established. It differs from it in having more florets in the spikelets, in the long brown hairs which cover the flowering glumes, in the constant presence of the long twisted awn, and in the smaller size and lighter weight of the grain. It is a great injury to any grain field, in which it may be introduced, but for the purpose of fodder, of which it makes a good quality, it has been much employed in California."

A. sativa, *Linn.*,* (*Oats*). Vern.—*Jai* or *jawi*.

Cultivated in N.-W. India principally as green fodder for horses. It is largely grown for this purpose at the Saharanpur and Hapur Sind depôts, and at the Hissar Cattle Farm, and is also stacked. For description and figure, see "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," Part I.

52. *TRISTACHYA*, *Nees* There are 8 species, American and tropical African, and one (*T. Stocksi*) mentioned by Boissier as occurring in Sindh and Beluchistan. Spikelets in threes at the ends of the panicle branches, 2-flowered.

* See Plate E, Fig. 26, of present Volume.

Lower floret male, upper hermaphrodite or female. Awn of the flowering glume terminal between the two lobes. Nothing appears to be known regarding its value for fodder.

TRIBE X. CHLORIDEÆ.

53. *SCHCENEFELDIA*, Kunth. Contains a single species confined to tropical Africa and the drier portions of N.-W. India.

S. gracilis, Kunth,* (Plate LXIV.) *Syn.*—*S. pallida*, Edgew.; *S. ramosa*, Trin.

Annual. Stems many. Leaves narrow. Spikes long, solitary or 2-4 together at the top of the stem. Awns of the flowering glumes long and slender, often becoming curved. Whole plant of a pale straw colour.

Grows in dry sandy ground in N.-W. India, also in the ravines bordering the Jumna and Chambal rivers.

54. *CYNODON*, Pers. This genus contains four species including the widely spread and well known *dáb*. They all occur in Australia, two of them being confined to that country. The genus is distinguished by the following characters:—Spikes 2-6, slender, proceeding from the summit of the peduncle. Spikelets small, 1-flowered, without awns, sessile along one side of the simple spike-like branches of the panicle. Rachilla produced beyond the floret into a small point or bristle. The *Cynodons* have a superficial resemblance to some of the digitate-spiked species of *Panicum*, but differ from them by the spikelets being arranged singly and not in pairs on the rachis.

C. Dactylon, Pers., (Plate XXXIII.)† *Syn.*—*C. stellatus*, Willd.; *Panicum Dactylon*, Linn.; *Digitaria Dactylon*, Scop.; *Paspalum Dactylon*, D.C. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Dáb*; TRANS-INDUS: *Baráica* (Stewart); PUNJAB: *Khabbar* (Stewart), *Mhabbat* (Central and Western Punjab), *talla* and *tilla* (S.-W. and W. Punjab), *dubra* (Karnál); RAJPUTANA: *Dob* (Ajmere), *núli dub* (Merwára); BUNDELKHAND: *Duba*; N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Káli ghás* (Doáb), *rám ghás* (Bhira); CENT. PROV.: *Dhupsa* (Seoni), *hariáti* (Chánda); MARATHI: *Dui va*, *karala*, *haryeli* (Dymock); CHUTIA NAOPUR: *Dhobi-ghás* (Santal); BENGAL: *Doolba* (Roxb.); TELUGU: *Ghericha* (Roxb.); TAMIL: *Arugam-pilla* (Roxb.); MADRAS: *Haiáli*.

Perennial, glaucous. Stems prostrate, creeping and rooting from many nodes. Leaves short. Flowering stems ascending. Panicle of 3-5 slender spikes, each 1-1½ inches long. Spikelets less than a line long; outer glumes nearly equal, open, narrow and pointed; flowering glumes rather larger and much broader, becoming hardened when in fruit, smooth on the sides, rather rough on the keel and edges.

* See Plate E, Fig 26, of present Volume.

† See also Plate E, Fig 27.

Abundant in the plains of North-West India, and up to 7 or 8,000 feet on the Himalaya. It is rarely found in the very sandy parts of Western Punjab, and in the black soils of Central India it is also scarce. *Dib* is by far the most useful of all fodder grasses, especially for horses. It is perennial, and flowers nearly all the year round. The foliage becomes scanty during the cold weather months, at which time it may be said to be at rest. It varies considerably in habit as well as in its nutritive qualities, according to the nature of the soil or climate. It makes excellent hay, and will keep good for many years in stack. It is considered to be a first class fodder grass in Australia, where it is widely distributed, though in all probability introduced with cultivation. This grass is highly valued in the United States, where it is generally known under the name of "Bermuda grass." The following extracts are from Dr. Vasey's "Report on the Grasses of the South," pages 26-23 (1887):—

"In Louisiana, Texas, and the south generally, it is and has been the chief reliance for pasture for a long time, and immense herds of cattle on the southern prairies subsist principally on this food It has the capacity to withstand any amount of heat and drought, and months that are so dry as to check the growth of *blue grass* (*Poa arachnifera*) will only make the *Bermuda grass* green and more thrifty" (Professor Killbren).

"*Bermuda grass* grows on any kind of soil in Texas, but will not stand the trampling of stock on loose sandy soil. It is hard to beat for a grazing grass, though long continued draughts cause it to dry up" (Mr. M. M. Martin, Central Texas).

"While this is the most northern limit of *Bermuda grass*, it is also the most southern limit of *Blue grass*. The two growing together on the same land produces a most perfect pasture, as the *Blue grass* is green all the fall, winter, and spring months, while during the heat of summer, which prevents the growth of the *Blue grass*, the *Bermuda* flourishes. The two together in good strong soil make a perfect pasture, good all the year round" (Mr. J. B. Wade, N. Georgia).

"The time is not far distant when all the rough feed consumed on plantations will be made of this grass, and when the planter will consider his hay crop of more importance than his sugar and cotton. No other grass will yield such an amount of valuable hay, surpass it in nutritious qualities, or support on an acre of pasture such an amount of stock" (Mr. Aslack in Professor Killbren's Grasses of Tennessee).

55. CHLORIS, Swartz. There are about 40 species, all of them occurring in warm latitudes. The spikes are either crowded at the summit of the peduncle, or are arranged in verticels. Spikelets 1-flowered, placed in two rows on one side of the simple spikes. Flowering glumes awned.

C. barbata, Swartz. (Plate XXXIV.) Syn.—*Andropogon barbatus*, Linn.; *C. dicora*, Nees. Fern.—PUNJAB: Ganni (Kangra), Jharna (S. and E. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: Phundi (Ajmere), purji (Morárá), chhinkri (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV.: Gandi gavung and palnah, (Royle),

Panjab, Rájputána, and in the Central Provinces; also in Bundelkhand, where I have usually found it in ahar fields on the black soil. A very ornamental grass, and probably nutritious, but being only an annual, and not very plentiful, it does not take a high place as a fodder grass.

59. ELEUSINE, *Gartn.* Contains about 7 species according to Benthum, nearly all of which are to be met with in Northern India. One of them is largely cultivated under the name of *mandua*, and the other species are more or less valuable for fodder. The spikes are digitate at the top of the peduncle, or verticillate. Spikelets many-flowered, sessile, crowded, and flattened. The flowering glumes have no awns, and they are longer than the two inferior empty ones. The seed is transversely wrinkled, and often, especially in *mandua*, loose within the thin shell-like pericarp.

E. ægyptiaca, *Pers.* (Plate XXXV.)* *Syn.*—*E. cruenta*, Lamk.; *Dactyloctenium ægyptiacum*, Willd.; *Oxymeris ægyptiacus*, Linn. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Malra*; TRANS-INDUS: *Chubrei* (Stewart); PUNJAB: *Madhāna* (Punj. Plains and Salt Range), *Kar-madhāna* (Gujranwāla and Shāhpur Districts), *Kar-madhāna* (Lahore); RAJPUTANA: *Malicha* (Ajmere), *mansa* (Mount Abu); N.-W. PROV.: *Khermakra* (Allahabad); BUNDELKHAND: *Alaka makna* and *tipakia* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Mathana* (Balaghāt), *chikāra* (Nagpur), *chikāra*, *chota mandya*, and *ute-silum jāri* or *ute-silā gadi* (Chānda); SANTAL: *Suntu lukru* (Campbell); HIND.: *Makur jali* (Roxb.).

Stems tufted, erect or creeping and rooting at the nodes after the manner of *dib*. Leaves flat, tapering to a fine point, ciliate. Spikes 3-5, digitate, varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches in length. Spikelets regularly and closely packed on the underside of, and at right angles to, a prominent angular rachis. Outer glume acute; the second broader, its keel produced into a dorsal awn; rachis of spikelets produced beyond the outer glumes. Flowering glumes broad, tapering into short spreading points. Seed oval, 3-sided, transversely rugose, enclosed in a loose pericarp.

Common all over Northern India, especially on cultivated ground. On dry sterile soils it assumes a more creeping habit, and produces very small spikes. It is generally considered to be a very nutritious grass both as forage and fodder. The seeds are eaten by the poorer classes. In the Lahore district it is said to be eaten by cattle, but not by horses. It occurs also in Australia, where it is much valued as a pasture grass.

* See also Plate F., Fig. 28, of present Volume.

E. Coracana, Gærtn. *Syn.*—*Cynosurus coracanus*, Linn. *Vern.*—**GENERAL**: *Mandua*, *makra* and *marua*; **PUNJAB**: *Kodon*, *koda*, *kutra* and *mandwa* (Himalaya), *kodra* (Bías and Chenab basins), *mandal* (Rávi basin); **BONDELKHAND**: *Rotka* (Jaloun); **BENGAL**: *Murha* (Campbell); **SANTAL**: *Kode* (Campbell); **TRILING**: *Pedda* and *sodda* (Roxb.); **S. INDIA**: *Rági*.

Stems erect, 2-4 feet high, compressed. Spikes digitate, usually incurved. Spikelets 3-6-flowered. Glumes all obtuse. Pericarp loosely investing the small globular seed. Roxburgh's *E. striata* is a luxuriant variety with straight spikes.

Cultivated as a kharif crop in Northern India, but chiefly on the lower slopes of the Northern Himalayn, where it sometimes provides the principal food of the people. The stalks are given to cattle as fodder. It is figured in "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," Part II., Plate XXVIII., and in "Church's Food Grains of India," Figs. 17 and 18.

E. flagellifera, Nees. (Plate XXXVII.) *Syn.*—*E. arabica*, Hochst.; *E. stolonifera*, R. Br. *Vern.*—**GENERAL**: *Chhimbar*; **TRANS-INDUS**: *Chubrei* and *bháru* (Stewart); **PUNJAB**: *Chemri* (Stewart), *chembri* (Multán), *chhembar* (West of Sutlej), *gathil* (S. Punjab), *ganthil* and *kharimbar* (Sira), *dubra* (E. Punjab); **RAJPUTANA**: *Ganthia* (Ajmere), *gáth dob* (Jeypur); **DOAB**: *Ghuráub* (Royle).

Perennial, glaucous. Stems many from the bulb-like rooting nodes of a prostrate extensively creeping rhizome. Leaves narrowly linear, acuminate, stiff, distant, upper very short. Spikes 3-5, digitate, 5-8-flowered. Glumes lanceolate, smooth, the upper one very acute.

Plains of Northern India, preferring a sandy soil. It is generally considered to be a very good fodder grass, both for horses and cattle, though in the Gnjánuwála and Sháhpuar districts it is supposed to diminish the milk of cattle if eaten dry. In the Jhang Settlement Report it is mentioned as being the most common grass in the bar, and also one of the best.

E. indica, Gærtn. (Plate LXIX.) *Syn.*—*Cynosurus indicus*, Linn. *Vern.*—**RAJPUTANA**: *Mandwa* (Ajmere); **N.-W. Prov.** and **ODISH**: *Jhingri* (Royle), *makruila* (Allahabad), *gadha-charica*, *gadha-mandwi* and *kísha* (Bhira); **BONDELKHAND**: *Guroháwa*; **CENT. Prov.**: *Ghod-chabba* (Balaghat), *guíra gadi* and *kakariya* (Ohánda), *madanya* (Nagpur), *mandál jori* (Seoni); **HIND.**: *Mal-ankuri* (Roxb.); **TRILING**: *Kuror* (Roxb.).

Annual. Stems erect, 1-2 feet, compressed, smooth, branching below. Leaves glabrous, flat; ligule pilose. Spikes long, erect, 5-7, digitate.

and often with one or two spikes added below. Spikelets 3-5-flowered. Glumes obtuse or shortly mucronate. Seeds oblong, 8-sided, rugose; pericarp loose.

Common in the plains of Northern India, and up to moderate elevations on the Himalaya. It is a somewhat coarser grass than the preceding. It is eaten by horses and cattle, and in some districts is considered to be a good fodder grass, though Roxburgh says that cattle are not fond of it; this remark may, however, apply chiefly to the Bengal form, which the nature of the climate would render more rank and unpalatable. It is considered to be a good pasture grass in Australia. It is also much valued in United States, where it is known under the following names:—*Yard grass*, *Crow's foot*, *Crab grass*, and *Wire grass*. Prof. Phares, quoted by Dr. Vasey in his "Report on the Agricultural Grasses of the United States," writes—

"It grows in rich cultivated ground and produces an immense quantity of seed. It is a very nutritious grass, and good for grazing, selling and hay. The succulent lower part of the stems, covered with the sheaths of the leaves, renders it difficult to cure well, for which several days are required. It may be cut two or three times, and yields a large quantity of hay."

E. scindica, *Duthie* (Plate XXXVI.) *Syn.*—*Dactyloctenium scindicum*, Boiss. *Vern.*—SINDH: *Mandjiro*; PUNJAB: *Bhobra* (Hissar), *bobriya* (S. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Ganthyn*, *ganti ghās* and *jangli malicha* (Ajmere), *khari makro* (Jeypur).

Perennial. Stems branching from a short bent and prostrate rhizome. Flowering stems elongate, erect, slender, almost naked. Leaves short, linear acuminate, flat, their edges near the base clothed with a few bulbous-based hairs; ligule truncate, ciliate. Spikes 3-5, very short, ovate and slightly curved; rachis mucronate. Lower glume oblong, acute; upper larger, ovate, and ending abruptly and obliquely in a short awn. Flowering glume oblong, lanceolate, obtuse, its keel scabrid and ending in a short point, lateral nerves prominent.

Sandy ground in the plains of N.-W. India extending west to Aden. It is considered to be a good fodder grass. It bears a slight resemblance to *makra*, but is altogether a much more slender grass.

E. verticillata, *Roxb.* (Plate LXX.) *Syn.*—*Cynosurus verticillatus*, Wight; *Leptochloa verticillata*, Kunth; *Aerachne eleusinoides*, Nees. *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Jharna* (Hissar); RAJPUTANA: *Ghinkhe* or *Luri chinks* (Ajmere), *kangsi* (Merwāra).

Erect, smooth, 1-4 feet. Leaves bifarious. Panicle erect, oblong, composed of many verticels of sessile spreading linear spikes like those of *E. indica*. Spikelets numerous, panicle, 8-12-flowered. Glumes jagged. Seeds oblong, rugose.

It is considered to be a good fodder grass for cattle both in the Punjab and in Rájputána.

60. LEPTOCHLOA, Beauv. Contains about 12 species, one of which occurs in Northern India. The flattish spikelets are sessile, or nearly so, and are attached to one side of the slender branches of a long panicle. Glumes without awns; inferior ones empty.

L. chinensis, Nees. (Plate LXXI.) Syn.—*L. tenerrima*, R. and S.; *Poa chinensis*, Koen.; *P. decipiens*, R. Br.; *Eragrostis decipiens*, Steud. Fern.—N.-W. Prov.: *Chánhel* (Allahabad); CENT. PROV.: *Chipa-chi-ma gadi* (Chánda), *jláira* and *phulkia* (Seoni).

Stems creeping below and rooting from the lower nodes, ascending, 2-3 feet, slender, glabrous. Leaves narrow, flat, tapering to a fine point. Panicle upwards of one foot long; branches many, simple, scattered or in clusters along the rachis. Spikelets sessile or nearly so, narrow, 4-6-flowered. Outer empty glumes rather unequal, acute; flowering glumes broader, acute.

Common in the plains of Northern India and used more or less for fodder, though nothing definite appears to be known regarding its real value.

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61. PAPPOPHORUM, Schreb. Out of 20 described species the four following are recorded as occurring in the Punjab: *P. Archeri*, Jamb. and Spach; *P. brachytachyum*, Jamb. and Spach (Syn.—*P. arabicum*, Hochst); *P. elegans*, Nees. (Syn.—*Calotheria elegans*, Wright); and *P. naxum*, Steud. They are perennial grasses with dense spike-like panicles, and the flowering glumes are furnished with numerous and usually plumose awns. I have received no information as to their value for fodder.

62. DIPLACHNE, Beauv. Species upwards of 14, distributed over the hotter parts of the world. Panicle branches long and slender. Spikelets sessile or nearly so, linear, scattered along the rachis, in two rows, but not sufficiently regular and unilateral for the genus to be placed amongst the *Chlorideæ*, to which it is sometimes referred.

D. fusca, Beauv. Syn.—*Festuca fusca*, Linn.; *Leptochloa fusca*, Kunth. Fern.—N.-W. Prov.: *Choti ganilar* and *norri* (Allgarh).

Perennial. Stems prostrate below, and rooting from the lower nodes. Leaves long, linear, rough. Panicle narrow, with long erect spike-like branches. Spikelets many, short; pedicels compressed, 5-9-flowered. Outer glumes linear lanceolate, unequal, acute. Flowering glumes with two teeth a little below the mucronate apex, keeled.

Plains of Northern India, on low-lying land where water is liable to lodge. I have observed it growing in great abundance in the more

depressed portions of the saline usar tracts in the Aligarh district. Buffaloes are said to be very fond of this grass.

63. ARUNDO, Linn. Contains 6 or 7 species, of which three occur in Northern India. They are tall handsome perennial grasses, with large branching panicles clothed with silky hairs. Flowering glumes pilose on the back. They are of little or no value as fodder for cattle.

A. Donax, Linn. Syn.—*Donax arundinacea*, Beauv. **Vern.—**PUNJAB: *Bānṛ* (E. Punjab), *sulna* (Hoshiarpur). This species is commonly met with throughout the Mediterranean region, and is possibly an introduction in Northern India.

A. madagascariensis, Kunth. Syn.—*Donax Thouartii*, Besuv. Hilly parts of Northern India.

A. mauritanica, Desf. Syn.—*A. Pliniana*, Turr. This species occurs at the base of the Himalaya in the Punjab, extending from the Mediterranean region. It has narrower leaves than *A. Donax*, and the spikelets are much smaller.

64. PHRAGMITES, Trin. There are 2 species, both of which occur in Northern India. This genus is closely allied to *Arundo*, the chief difference being that in *Phragmites* the lowest floret of the spikelet is male. They are tall handsome reeds with large branching panicles clothed with silky hairs on the axis.

P. Roxburghii, Kunth. Syn.—*Arundo Karla*, Roxb. **Vern.—**TRANS-INDUS: *Drumbi*, *dwarena*, and *guarga* (Stewart); KASHMIR: *Nal* (Stewart); PUNJAB: *Nal* and *naria* (Stewart), *nār* (Chenab basin), *nalu* (Itavi basin), *bag-narri* (Jhelum basin), *narsal* (E. Panj.); SINDH: *Sar*; N.-W. PROV.: *Bansī* (Dehra Dūn); OUDH: *Narkul*, *narkat*, and *narsal*; CENT. PROV.: *Paika gadi* (Chānda); MARATHI: *Deonal* or *deond* (Dymock); BENGAL: *Nal* (Roxb), *Karla* (Walt); TELING: *Naga-sara maitantes* and *patoo-ederoo* (Roxb.); HIND.: *Nūda-nar* (Walt).

Stems erect, 8-12 feet, stout, covered with the leaf sheaths. Leaves flat, broad. Panicle erect or slightly drooping, 1½ feet or more. Spikelets numerous, crowded, each with 3-5 distant florets. Flowering glume of lowest floret, which is usually male, tapering but not anned, the others smaller and more pointed.

Var. angustifolia. Vern.—*Nalli*. Leaves narrower. This may possibly be the plant described by Retzius under the name of *Arundo bifaria* (Syn.—*P. nepalensis*, Nees).

Common in the plains of Northern India near water. The stems are used for making chairs, baskets and the pipes of hukabs; and in Bengal mats are made of the split stems. Watson mentions that this grass has proved poisonous to cattle in Kumaon. In any case it is much too coarse a grass for fodder purposes.

P. communis, Trin.* Syn.—*Arundo Phragmites*, Linn. **Vern.—**PUNJAB: *Dilla* (Jhelum basin).

Of smaller stature than the preceding, with long creeping root-stock. Panicle somewhat one-sided, often of a purplish tinge. Spikelets at first very narrow, flat and spreading when in seed. The long silky hairs proceeding from the rachis give the panicle a beautiful silvery aspect.

Plains of North-West India and up to 14,000 feet on the Punjab Himalaya. Eaten by cattle in Ladak, where also sandals are made from the stems. It can only be used as fodder when quite young.

65. ELYTROPHORUS, Beauv. Contains a single species easily recognized by its inflorescence, which is composed of minute many-flowered spikelets crowded together into subglobose fascicles and forming an interrupted spike. Stamen 1.

E. articulatus, Beauv. (Plate LXXII.)* *Syn.*—*Echinolysium strictum*, Trin.; *Dactylis spicata*, Willd. *Vern.*—N.-W. PROV.: *Balka* (Deśb); CENT. PROV.: *Kolkati* (Seoni), *suria* (Balaghāt); SANTAL: *Khet lapuri* (Campbell).

An erect glabrous annual 6 inches to 1 foot high. Leaves flat, often longer than the stem; sheaths loose. Spikelets small, numerous, disposed in globular sessile clusters, and forming a cylindrical spike, which is often interrupted, and sometimes shortly branched from the base. Pale with two dorsal wings.

Plains of Northern India, on damp clay soils, not common.

66. LAMARCKIA, Mench. Contains a single species, which is abundant in the Mediterranean region, and has been recorded from Peshāwar by Stewart.

L. nuren, Mench. *Syn.*—*Cynosurus aureus*, Linn.; *Chrysurus cynosuroides*, Pers.; *C. aureus*, Spreng.

A small annual with handsome golden-coloured inflorescence. Spikelets in a dense unilateral panicle.

67. KCELERIA, Pers. This genus contains about 12 species, the most of which are European. The spikelets are arranged in a dense cylindrical spike-like panicle. The flowering glumes are scarious and transparent.

K. phleoides, Pers. *Syn.*—*Festuca phleoides*, Vill.

Annual. Panicle densely cylindrical. Flowering glumes ending in two teeth, and with a short awn between the teeth. A common Mediterranean grass, extending through Afghanistan to the Punjab. Dr. Aitchison in his "Flora of the Jhelum District" recommends this grass for cultivation as likely to be of great use during the cold weather for fodder.

Another species, *K. cristata*, Pers., is abundant at moderate elevations on the Himalaya, and is a good fodder grass. It is a perennial species. The panicle is spike-like, often interrupted at the base. The flowering glumes are neither toothed nor awned.

68. ERAGROSTIS, Beauv. This genus contains about 100 described species, which are distributed over all parts of the world. In the plains of Upper India there are upwards of 15 species. The spikelets are numerous, somewhat compressed, many-flowered, and arranged in a panicle which is either spreading or compact. The outer glumes are shorter than the distichously imbricate flowering ones. The flowering glumes are awnless, 8-nerved, and prominently keeled.

E. bifaria, W. and A. (Plate LXXIII.) *Syn.*—*Poa bifaria*, Kunth. *Vern.*—RAJPUTANA: *Punya-safed* and *chota bhānkta* (Ajmere), *moi* (Mount Abu); TELING: *Wooda-tallum* (Roxb.).

Stems straight, wiry, 1-2 feet high. Spikes narrow, compact, 4-8 inches long. Spikelets sessile, in two rows from one side of the rachis; upper many-flowered, lower ones 4-6-flowered.

* See also Plate V., Fig. 31, of present Volume.

Sandy and rocky ground in North-West India, common in Rájputána. At Ajmere it is considered to be a good fodder grass, and is eaten by cattle on Mount Abu.

E. Brownei, *Nees*. *Syn.*—*Poa Brownei*, Kunth.; *P. polymorpha*, R. Br.; *Megastachya polymorpha*, Beauv. *Vern.*—N.-W. PROV.: *Jenkua* (Rohilkhand); BUNDELKHAND: *Khari* (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV.: *Asata* and *chir* (Seoni); BENGAL: *Choti khidi*.

Stems usually 1 foot or more in height. Leaves narrow, flat or convolute. Panicle variable, sometimes quite simple and dense, or with long distant and spreading branches. Spikelets shortly stalked, flattened, tapering almost to a point. Flowering glumes closely distichous, their lateral nerves prominent, nearly central on each side. Easily recognized by its closely packed florets arranged in dark coloured and flattened spikelets.

Plains of North-West India, and at low elevations on the Himalaya, usually near water. It extends to Australia, where it is looked upon as a good pasture grass, yielding an abundance of feed both winter and summer.

E. ciliaris, *Link*. *Syn.*—*P. ciliaris*, Linn.; *P. ciliata*, Roxb. *Vern.*—RAJPUTANA: *Undar-punchho* (Jeypur); SANTAL: *Tor chandbol* (Campbell).

Annual. Stems procumbent below. Leaves narrowly linear acuminate; mouth of sheaths pilose. Panicle narrow, spike-like, cylindrical, or occasionally with the lower portions branched. Spikelets 5-8-flowered; glumes acute; pales thickly clothed with long white stiff hairs.

Plains of Northern India on sandy ground. It affords good grazing wherever it occurs in sufficient quantity.

Var. brachystachya, (Plate XXXIX.) *Vern.*—RAJPUTANA: *Choen* (Merwára). *Syn.*—*E. arabica*, Jaub. and Spach. A smaller plant with short dense cylindrical panicles. It is found on dry, sandy or stony ground in North-West India.

E. cynosuroides, *R. and S.* (Plate XL.) *Syn.*—*Poa cynosuroides*, Retz.; *Briza bipinnata*, Linn.; *Uniola bipinnata*, Linn. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Dáb* or *kusa*; PUNJAB: *Dab* or *dib* (Cent. and W: Punjab), *dhab* (Multan), *dráb* (Kángra), *drábh* (Jhang); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Kush* (Pilibhit), *dhab* and *kus* (Bhira); BUNDELKHAND: *Dabvi* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Chir*, *dabhat* and *kusha* (Balaghát); MARATHI: *Darbha* (Dymock); HINDI: *Davolia* (Stewart); BENGAL: *Koosha* (Roxb.); TELING: *Dubha*, *durbha*, and *durpa* (Roxb.).

A perennial with a thick creeping rhizome. Stems 1-3 feet, thick, terete, leafy. Leaves many, long, chiefly from the base of the stem,

convolute above, hispid. Panicle spike-like or conical; branches horizontal, short and stiff. Spikelets in two rows from the under side of each branch, 6-12-flowered.

Abundant in the plains of Northern India in all kinds of soil. In saline usar soils it is usually found in the lower-lying portions where water collects. Cattle do not eat it as a rule, though it is liked by buffaloes when young. Its vigorous extensively creeping roots help to keep it fresh in dry weather. When other grasses fail it is often used as fodder mixed with gram and wheat. It produces a fairly strong fibre which is much used for making ropes. In the Karnal Settlement Report it is stated that the fibre is used for the ropes of the Persian wheel where they will last three months or more. This species is considered sacred amongst the Brahmans. It is often spread beneath the dead bodies of Hindus, the chief mourner wearing a ring of it on his finger. The rhizome is used as a diuretic.

E. elegantula, Nees. (Plate LXXIV.) *Syn.*—*Poa elegantula*, Kunth; *P. elegans*, Roxb. *Vern.*—N.-W. Prov.: *Kaluargi* (Doab), *bhuhoa* (Cawnpore); CENT. PROV.: *Asara* (Balaghat), *chota usara* (Seoni).

Annual, smooth. Stems 1-3 feet. Leaves few, small, quite smooth except the pilose mouths of the sheaths. Panicle oblong, nodding; branches rather distant, linear, appressed. Spikelets stalked, 8-12-flowered, purplish.

Not uncommon in the plains of North-West India, usually occurring on low-lying swampy ground. It is eaten by cattle either fresh or dry. At Balaghat in the Central Provinces it is used for brooms.

E. megastachya, Link. (Plate LXXV.) *Syn.*—*E. major*, Host; *Poa Eragrostis*, Sibth.; *Megastachya Eragrostis*, Beauv.; *Brita Eragrostis*, Linn. *Vern.*—N.-W. Prov.: *Ohiriya ke chaolai* (Royle).

Annual. Stems ascending. Leaves linear; mouth of sheaths pilose. Panicle ovate oblong; pedicels shorter than the spikelets. Spikelets large, solitary or in clusters, linear oblong, 15-20-flowered. Flowering glumes mucronate; lateral nerves prominent.

Common all over the plains, and up to 5,000 feet on the Himalaya. It is used more or less as fodder.

E. nutans, Nees. (Plate LXXVI.) *Syn.*—*E. interrupta*, Beauv.; *Poa interrupta*, Kön.; *P. nutans*, Retz. *Vern.*—PUNJAB: *Kutti-pushli* and *snr* (Multan), *lumra* (Lahore); N.-W. PROV.: *Lameha* (Etawah), *rasaurah* (Allahabad), *ghui* (Pilibhit); BUNDELKHAND: *Lal bali* and *asaurah* (Banda), *mumkara* (Lalitpur); CENT. PROV.: *Ghodila* (Nagpur), *ghorila* (Chanda), *khajuria* (Seoni); TELUGU: *Nalurnaral* and *ureake* (Roxb.).

Annual, glabrous. Stems erect, 1-3 feet high, smooth and polished. Leaves long and flat. Panicle erect, 6-12 inches, contracted; lower branches often distant, two or more proceeding from the same level and giving the panicle a verticillate appearance. Spikelets small, quite smooth, often deeply tinged with red.

Plains of Northern India in heavy retentive soils. It is not considered a first class fodder grass, but cattle eat it readily when other better kinds have failed.

E. pilosa, Beauv. Syn.—*E. verticellata*, R. & S.; *Poa pilosa*, Linn.; *P. verticellata*, Cav. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Nika sâivak* (Multân), *gâdar ppunch* (Hissar); N.-W. PROV.: *Chiriya la dâna* (Allahabad); RAJPUTANA: *Palichhi* (Ajmere); CENT. PROV.: *Kutaki*.

Annual. Stems slender. Leaves flat, linear acuminate; mouth of sheaths pilose. Panicle much branched; branches at first appressed, afterwards spreading, the lower ones in verticels. Pedicels usually longer than the spikelets. Spikelets minute, narrow, linear, loose, 5-11-flowered, often tinged with purple.

Common in the plains of Northern India, usually in damp or swampy ground where it is relished by buffaloes. Mr. Symonds says that cattle eat it readily, and that it would make good hay. Mr. Lowrie tells me that at Ajmere it is considered to be a good fodder grass, and that the seeds are eaten. In Australia it is said to be very productive as a pasture grass.

E. plumosa, Link. (Plates XXXVIII. and LXXVII.) Syn.—*Poa plumosa*, Retz. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Budhan* and *palinji* (E. Punjab); RAJPUTANA: *Chiri ka khet* (Ajmere), *chiri la bajro* (Jeypur); N.-W. PROV. and OUDH: *Bara bharbhura* and *bharbhuri* (Doâb), *bholoni* and *ghusa* (Allahâbâd), *galgala* (Lucknow); BOMBELKHAND: *Phularica* (Banda); CENT. PROV.: *Bharbhuri bara* and *sipar gadi* (Chânda), *bharbusi* (Balaghât), *piithi* (Nagpur), *safed bhurki* (Seoni).

Annual. Stems erect or ascending. Leaves linear acuminate. Panicle oblong or somewhat pyramidal; branches slender, spreading, ciliate at the axils. Pedicels longer than the spikelets. Spikelets very numerous, small, lax, 5-7-flowered; axis articulate. Flowering glume obliquely truncate at the apex. Pales ciliate with stiff spreading hairs. This species varies very much both as to stature and in the form of the panicle. Some specimens have their panicles so narrow and contracted as to be hardly distinguishable from *E. ciliaris*, Link.

Common in the plains of Northern India especially on sandy soils. It is also abundant on saline usar soil in company with the usar grass (*Sporobolus orientalis*). Capt. Wingate tells me that at Allahabad it

grows extremely well along with *dub*, and makes a useful light hay for mixing with coarser hay, and that both horses and cattle like it. At Ajmere it is also considered to be a good fodder grass.

E. pœneoides, Beauv. Syn.—*E. pœnermis*, Link; *Poa Eragrostis*, Linn.

Annual. Stems erect, or bent at the base. Leaves linear, flat; mouth of sheath bearded. Panicle branches spreading; pedicels slender, shorter than the spikelets. Spikelets linear lanceolate, 8-20-flowered. Flowering glumes with prominent lateral nerves. Cosson and Durieu in their flora of Algeria have described this and *E. megastachya* as varieties of *E. vulgaris*, Cosson and Germ.

Plains of Northern India and up to 8,000 feet on the Himalaya.

E. tenella, Beauv. (Plate LXXVIII.) Syn.—*E. tenuissima*, Schrad.; *Poa tenella*, Linn. Vern.—N.-W. PROV.: *Bharbhuri* (Multan); CENT. PROV.: *Mondia jori* (Seoni); SANTAL: *Ichkoi* (Campbell).

Annual. Stems erect, 1-2 feet. Leaves smooth, narrow and finely pointed. Panicle usually very long and narrow; branches ascending or spreading, verticillate. Spikelets small, numerous, ovate, 5-7-flowered, often tinged bright red; axis articulate. Pales glabrous, not ciliate.

Common in the plains of Northern India; especially in cultivated ground, along with sugar-cane, jute, and arhar. It is eaten by cattle both fresh and dry, and the seeds are said to be nutritious. It is highly relished in Australia.

E. tremula, Hochst. (Plate LXXIX.) Syn.—*Poa multiflora*, Roxb. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Chukan buti* (Multan), *lukki* (Lahore); RAJPUTANA: *Chiri ka khet* (Ajmere), *chiri ka chamwalia* (Jodhpur); N.-W. PROV.: *Kalunji* (Royle), *bhamiri* (Aligarh), *bansa* (Rohilkhand).

Annual. Stems slender, 1-1½ feet, bent below. Leaves few, mostly from the base, narrow and tapering to a fine point; mouth of sheath bearded. Panicle pyramidal, bowing, much branched, lax; branches very slender, pilose at the axils. Pedicels equalling or longer than the spikelets. Spikelets many-flowered, somewhat flattened, long and narrow, nodding. The very slender pedicels which support the long many-flowered spikelets give rise to the constant tremulous motion exhibited by this species when in flower.

Common in light sandy soils in the plains, especially on poorly cultivated ground. It is said to be a good fodder grass at Ajmere, but its foliage is too scanty to be of much value. Its grain is said to have been extensively utilized by the starving population in certain parts of the Punjab during a famine which took place about 60 years ago, and which is even now remembered as the "*lukkiwala sal*."

E. uniloides, Nees. Syn.—*E. amabilis*, W. and A.; *Poa uniloides*, Retz. Vern.—CENT. PROV.: *Chanda mama gadl*, *chota laniya*, and *lantiya* (Chikanda) (Lahoria, Seoni); SANTAL: *Ichloek* (Campbell); BENGAL: *Kouso* (Roxb.).

Annual. Stems 1-2 feet, branching from the base. Leaves small, broad at the base, and tapering to a fine point; mouth of sheath bearded. Panicle erect, oblong; branches filiform. Spikelets 16-20-flowered, ovate, closely imbricate, usually tinged with purple; axis not articulate.

Plains of Northern India, and up to 5,000 feet on the Himalaya, usually on wet ground. I have received no information regarding its value for fodder.

E. viscosa, Trin. (Plate LXXX.) Syn.—*Poa viscosa*, Willd. Vern. —N.-W. Prov.: *Bhurbhur* (Doab), *bhulni* (Cawnpore); Cent. Prov.: *Bhurbhusi* (Nagpur), *chukti* (Balaghat), *chippal* (Seoni).

Annual. Stems numerous, 9-18 inches long. Leaves rather short, broad below and tapering to a fine point; mouths of sheaths clothed with long white hairs. Panicle linear oblong, 2-4 inches long; branches spreading, verticillate; main rachis rather thick and stiff. Whole plant, especially the inflorescence, covered with a sticky glutinous substance.

Plains of Northern India on sandy soils, often accompanying *E. plumosa*, and probably of equal value for fodder purposes.

E. abyssinica is a species which has lately been introduced into this country for experimental cultivation. It is a native of Abyssinia, where it is cultivated to a large extent at high elevations, and yields a small grain, of which the bread of the country is generally made. Its native name is *Teff*, *Thaff* or *Thief*. There are two kinds, one called "Thaf-Hagniz," and the other "Thaf-Tseddia." The former is sown in the cold season, and the latter at the commencement of the rainy season, i.e., in June or July. "Thaf-Hagniz" yields a white grain, and is considered greatly superior to the other variety, of which the grain is of a reddish colour. Full particulars of this plant, and the mode of cultivating it in Abyssinia, are given in the "Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information," No. 1 (Royal Gardens, Kew, 1887).

Experimental sowings were last year made at Saharanpur from a supply of seed received from the Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew. Both kinds were sown in ordinary garden soil in the month of March, and they yielded grain in May. After the fruiting stems were cut the plants renewed their growth and produced an excellent crop of fodder in the rainy season. Another sowing was made during the rains, which yielded an abundant crop of fodder, and this was made into hay which proved to be of superior quality, and was greedily eaten by the garden bullocks in preference to *chauri*. The grain, useful as it appears to be in Abyssinia, is never likely to be much in request in this country, except possibly in those districts where *mihri* or *lutki* (*Panicum miliare*) is grown. As a fodder plant, however, it promises to be of great value; and the results of further experiments, now in course of being undertaken, will indicate to what extent it can be profitably grown.

69. *ÆLUROPUS*, Trin. Contains 8 species, which extend from the Mediterranean region to Arabia and Central Asia, and one of them to the Punjab. They have creeping prostrate stems, and short rigid often prickly leaves. The spikelets, which are many-flowered, are arranged in dense spike-like heads. The flowering glumes are broad at the apex and mucronate. The Punjab representative, *Æ. littoralis*, Parl., var. *repens*, is characteristic of saline tracts in the Western parts of the Province, where it appears to take the place of *dub*, which it somewhat resembles in habit.

70. *POA*, Linn. Species about 80, distributed over the cooler regions of the world. On the Himalaya there are several species, including some which are well-known in Europe and America as valuable fodder plants. The spikelets are few-flowered and arranged in panicles, which are usually lax. The flowering glumes are 5- or more-nerved, membranous, keeled, and without awns.

P. annua, Linn. Vern.—BONDDELKHAND: *Chirua* (Bonda).

A tufted annual, rarely exceeding one foot in height. Leaves flat and flaccid. Panicle loose and spreading. Spikelets shortly stalked, 3-5-flowered; rachis glabrous.

Plains of N.-W. India, and up to 8 or 9,000 feet on the Himalaya. It is a very nutritious grass, but the yield of foliage is too small to be of much account.

71. *BROMUS*, Linn. There are about 40 species, nearly all being restricted to temperate parts of the world. Several kinds are found on the Himalaya. The only species with which we are now concerned is a fodder grass introduced from Australia under the name of "Prairie grass," *Bromus unioloides*, H. B. & K. (Syn.—*Ceratochloa unioloides*, Beauv.).

Müller describes it as one of the richest of all grasses, growing extensively and spreading readily from seed, particularly in fertile and somewhat humid soils. It is not indigenous to Australia, having been introduced into that country from America, where, especially in the Southern States, it is much valued as a good winter grass, "affording in the earlier months of spring a much-relished nutritious food as well as a good hay.....It withstands drought fairly well, but escapes the worst period of summer drought by ripening early in the season" (Dr. G. Vasey, "Report on the Grasses of the South," U. S. A.) Other names for this grass are—"Australian Oats," "Resono grass," and "Schador's Bromo grass."

The results of some trials made with this grass at Saharanpur showed

it to be less productive than oats, and not capable of replacing the latter at any other season of the year.

TRIBE XII. HORDEÆ.

72. LOLIUM, Linn. Reducible to 2 or 3 species according to Benthams, and confined to temperate parts of the world. The position of the spikelets on the rachis distinguishes this genus from all others belonging to this tribe, the spikelets being so placed as to have their margins facing the rachis.

L. temulentum, Linn. (Darnel).

Annual. Outer glume of the lateral spikelets usually as long as or longer than the whole spikelet. Flowering glumes oblong, usually obtuse, with an awn as long or longer than the glume itself.

Plains and hills of the Panjab and N.-W. Provinces. The seeds of this grass have for a long time been supposed to possess poisonous properties, and numerous instances have been given of the ill-effects after eating flour or bread into which the grains of this grass have been purposely or accidentally introduced. Recent experiments however indicate that healthy *darnel* grain is perfectly innocuous, and that only grains which are ergotized or otherwise diseased are injurious. For further information see Bentley and Trimen's "Medicinal Plants," p. 295.

L. perenne, Linn. (Perennial Rye-grass).

A well-known and most important fodder grass. It grows wild on the Himalayan ranges up to 11,000 feet. It is said to stand the dry heat of the Australian summer very well, and would probably be found to thrive as a cold weather fodder crop in N.-W. India. In Europe it is largely grown along with clover.

73. TRITICUM, Linn. There are about 10 species, which are confined to Western Asia and the Mediterranean region. The spikelets are few-flowered, somewhat compressed, and are placed on the rachis so as to have the margins of the glumes facing the rachis. The flowering glumes are oblong or ventricose, rounded on the back or keeled above, 5-9-nerved, the lateral ones short and not joining towards the apex, or produced into a distinct awn, as in bearded wheat.

T. sativum, Lamk. (Wheat). Vern.—GENERAL: *Gehu* or *gohun*; LADAK: *Tokar* (white), *tomar* (red), and *tro* (Stewart); N. TIBET: *Dro* (Stewart); PUNJAB HIMALAYA: *Nis* (Stewart), *sud* (Kunawar and Bas-sahir); PUNJAB PLAINS: *Kanak* (Stewart), *khasil* and *khawid* (cut as fodder). BENGAL: *Gom* (Roxb.), *gou* (Watt).

The cultivation of this important plant is of pre-historic antiquity, and wheat is now nowhere known to occur in a wild state. DeCandolle believes that it originated somewhere in the Euphrates region, whilst other authors give reasons in favour of its development from a species of

Ægyllops, which is now classed as a section of *Triticum*. Many varieties are in cultivation both in the plains and on the Himalaya. The most obvious variations are those which affect the consistency of the grain (hard or soft), or its colour (white or red); also the presence or absence of awns on the flowering glumes (bearded or beardless). On the Himalaya wheat is grown at various elevations, and in Tibet it has been observed as high as 16,000 feet above the sea. A variety called "oi" is cultivated in Byans (N. E. Kumaun), from which a strong spirit is manufactured. For fodder purposes wheat is used both green and dry; the latter composed of the chaff and chopped-up straw, and commonly known as *bhusa*, is a valuable and largely used form of fodder in all wheat-growing districts. For further information see Church's "Food Grains of India"; "Field and Garden Crops, N.-W. Provinces and Oudh," Part I.; Bentley and Trimen's "Medicinal Plants"; Royle's "Illustrations of Himalayan Plants"; DeCandolle's "Origin of Cultivated Plants."

74. OROPETIUM, Trin. Contains a single diminutive species confined to India. The spikes are solitary, cylindrical, and with the spikelets completely immersed in the axis as in *Rettblallia* and *Ophurus*, but the outer persistent glumes compel its retention amongst the *Hordeæ*.

O. Thomæum, Trin. Syn.—*Rettblallia Thomæa*, Linn.

Open ground in the plains of the Punjab, also in Rājputāna and in the ravine country about Agra and Etawah. It is too small to be considered of much account for fodder purposes.

75. HORDEUM, Linn. Species about 12, confined to temperate regions. The spikelets are in threes at each node, and 1-flowered. The empty glumes are subulate and rigid, often resembling an involucre.

H. vulgare, Linn.* (Barley). Vern.—GENERAL: *Jau*; *LADAK*: *Jhotak*, *spiroka*, *shruk*, *soa*, *yangma*, and *tro* (Stewart); *KASHMIR*: *Jawa*, *nai*, and *thazatt* (Stewart); *PUNJAB*: *Ne* (Stewart), *chūk* (Upper Sutlej basin), *chung* (Upper Ohonab basin); *MADRAS*: *Jav* and *yava* (Dymock); *BENGAL*: *Jab* (Walt), *juba* (Roxb.).

Annual. Stems many, 2-3 feet, smooth. Leaves few, the upper one close to the spike; sheaths smooth, striate; ligule very short; blade rounded at the base, and tapering gradually to the apex, glaucous green. Spikes oblong, compressed, 2-2½ inches long (without the awns.) Spikelets sessile, arranged in threes on either side of a flattened rachis, the lateral ones occasionally barren or rudimentary (in 2-rowed barley). Outer glumes small, setiform. Flowering glumes firm, 5-ribbed, rounded on the back, and ending in a long stiff awn rough with forward prickles. Grain usually adhering to the pale.

Barley is supposed by DeCandolle to have originated in Western

temperate Asia. It is extensively cultivated in Northern India, either alone, or mixed with wheat, or with grain, mustard and linseed. There are two important varieties, viz., the 2-rowed (*H. distichon*), and the 6-rowed (*H. hexastichon*), the latter being the one more usually grown in this country. Barley succeeds better as a hill crop than wheat, and is cultivated at higher elevations. A curious beardless variety (*H. agliceras*, Royle) is found in Tibet; another, called *rasuli* barley (*H. gymnodistichon*) differs from the ordinary in having the grains free of the pales; and Siberian barley (*H. coeleste*). Vern.—*Ugun* or *ua jau* has been recorded from Pangl (Stewart), Lahoul (Moorecroft), and Knaum (Watson). For further information see works referred to under wheat.

TRIBE XIII. BAMBUSEÆ.

76. *BAMBUSA*, Schreb. Species about 24, distributed over tropical and subtropical Asia, one occurring in America.

B. arundinacea, Retz. Syn.—*B. orientalis*, Nees; *Arundo Bambos*, Linn.; *Bambos arundinacea*, Pers. Vern.—PUNJAB: *Magar bāns* and *nāl bāns*; N.-W. and CENT. INDIA: *Bāns*, and *Latang bāns*; MAURITIUS: *Māndgā* (Dymock); TAIWAN: *Pedroo* and *mūkas* (Roxb.).

Perennial. Stems woody, 30–50 feet high, forming compact clumps, green; branches spreading, alternate, bifarious, spinescent; cavity of joints small; spines strong, curved, in pairs at the base of the branches, or in threes, the central one being the longest. Leaves small, shortly stalked, bifarious, lanceolate, thin; sheaths persistent, coriaceous, downy, 1–2 inches long. Spikelets mostly sessile, in dense $\frac{1}{2}$ -whorled clusters, glabrous and shining. Empty glumes 2–4. Flowering glumes 4–10, the upper ones sterile. Edges of palea fimbriate. Lodicules 3. Stamens 6. Pericarp thin, adnate to the seed.

Common in Central and Southern India, and extensively cultivated in parts of North-West India and Bengal. The leaves and twigs are a favourite fodder of elephants. The various purposes to which this plant is put, too numerous to be here mentioned, are given in Dr. Watt's "Dictionary of the Economic Products of India," Vol. I., p. 390. See also Brandis' "Forest Flora," Roxburgh's "Flora Indica," II., 191, and Dymock's "Vegetable Materia Medica of Western India," p. 356.

Roxburgh, in describing the inflorescence of this species, says—"When in flower the tree is generally destitute of leaves, and as the extremity of every ramification is covered with flowers, the whole tree seems one entire, immense panicle, composed of innumerable, somewhat verticillated spikes, each vertical is composed of several, distichous, oblong, pointed, sessile, rigid spikelets, such as those of *Elaeagnus*, &c." The

flowering of this species takes place periodically about every 30 years, when almost every individual specimen blossoms and dies. The grain produced on these occasions is abundant, and of great value as an article of food. It is supposed on more than one occasion during the present century to have prevented a famine. The food value of the grain, according to Prof. Church, is high, though deficient in oil and mineral matter.

77. DENDROCALAMUS, Nees. There are 9 species, inhabiting India, the Malay Archipelago, and China. In habit they resemble *Bambusa*, but there are no lodicules, and the pericarp of the fruit (caryopsis) is free from the seed.

D. strictus, Nees. (Male bamboo). *Syn.*—*Bambusa stricta*, Roxb. *Vern.*—GENERAL: *Bāns*, *bānsi* and *kussub* (Royle), *bāns Labban* (Watt); SANTAL: *Buru mat* (Campbell); BLANDIA: *Kepar* (Watt.); TELING: *Sadanapa-redroo* (Roxb.).

Usually of smaller stature than that of *Bambusa arundinacea*, stems nearly or quite solid, lower part often variously bent, spreading above and frequently curved downwards. Leaves deciduous, arising from fasciculate branches enclosed in shining cartilaginous persistent sheaths, distichous, rough, and hairy on the lower or on both sides. Flowers produced annually on certain portions of the tree, the other stems remaining leafy. Spikelets spinescent, hairy, collected into dense globose heads on long interrupted spikes.

Common in Northern India, and often gregarious. The leaves become yellow and fall during winter, except in moist places where the tree remains evergreen. The young foliage appears again in the hot weather. The stems die away after flowering. This bamboo is much valued on account of its strong elastic stems, which are used for a variety of purposes. The foliage affords abundant fodder for elephants.

NOTE ON SELECT FODDER GRASSES.

As a guide to those who may wish to know which are the best kinds of fodder grasses to cultivate, or to encourage the growth of, in particular soils and localities, I have selected from the foregoing list a certain number of the more desirable kinds, and have arranged them into groups under the following headings—(1), Those grasses which are generally considered to be of first class excellence for fodder. (2), Fodder grasses which thrive in or near water. (3), Grasses which thrive on black soil; (4), Grasses which are more or less characteristic of saline soils.

1. **First class Fodder Grasses:**—*Panicum colonum*, Linn. (rich ground). *P. flavidum*, Retz. (rich ground). *P. frumentaceum*, Roxb. (cult. ground). *P. holopus*, Trin. (rich ground). *P. jumentorum*, Pers. (cult. ground). *P. miliaceum*, Linn. (cult. ground). *P. miliaro*, Lamk. (light culturable ground). *P. prostratum*, Lamk. (rich ground). *P. sanguinale*, Linn. (rich ground). *Cenchrus cætharticus*, Del. (sandy soil). *C. montanus*, Nees. (sandy soil). *Pennisetum cenchroides*, Rich. (light culturable soil). *Echinochloa luxurians*, Ascheron (rich moist soil). *Zea Mays*, Linn. (cult. ground). *Echinochloa hirsutus*, Munro (sandy soil). *Ischaemum laxum*, R. Br. (sandy soil). *Heteropogon contortus*, R. and S. (hardly to be recommended for cultivation, but wherever it exists in abundance it will be found to be a very serviceable fodder grass). *Andropogon ananatus*, Forsk. (almost any kind of soil). *A. foveolatus*, Del. (stony and sandy ground). *A. Ischaemum*, Linn. (light soil). *A. laniger*, Desf. (sandy soil). *A. portusum*, Willd. (light soil). *Sorghum vulgare*, Pers. (cult. ground). *Ischaemum laxum*, Hack. (heavy clay soil). *I. Wightii*, Anders. (clay soil). *Alopecurus pratensis*, Linn. (rich ground). *Sporobolus indicus*, R. Br. (light soil). *Avena sativa*, Linn. (cult. ground). *Cynodon Dactylon*, Pers. (light soil). *Echinochloaegyptiaca*, Pers. (rich ground). *E. flagellifera*, Nees. (sandy soil). *Eragrostis plumosa*, Link. (sandy soil). *Triticum sativum*, Lamk. (cult. ground). *Hordeum vulgare*, Linn. (cult. ground).

2. **Those kinds which thrive in or near water:**—*Paspalum Kora*, Willd. *Eriochloa polystachya*, H. B. and K. *Isachne nostralis*, R. Br. *Panicum Crus-Galli*, Linn. *P. quitans*, Retz. *P. Myurus*, Lamk. *P. paludosum*, Roxb. *Coix Lacryma*, Linn. *Hygrophiza aris-*

tata, *Nees*. *Leersia hexandra*, *Swartz*. *Imperata arundinacea*, *Oyriß*.
Saccharum spontaneum, *Linn*. *Hemarthra compressa*, *R. Br.* II. fasciculata, *Kunth*. *Ischaemum vagosum*, *Gaertn*. *Andropogon caricosus*, *Linn*. *A. muricatus*, *Retz*. *A. Schomanthus*, *Linn*. *Diplachne fusca*, *Beauv*. *Eragrostis Brownii*, *Nees*. *E. cynosuroides*, *R. and S.* *E. elegantula*, *Nees*. *E. nutans*, *Nees*. *E. oniloides*, *Retz*.

3. Grasses characteristic of black soil:—*Panicum eructiforme*, *Sibth. and Sm.* (usually on cultivated ground). *P. miliare*, *Lamk.* (usually on cultivated ground). *Pennisetum holcoides*, *Schult*. *P. imberbe*, *Edgew.* *Pollinia argentea*, *Trin*. *Ophiura corymbosa*, *Gaertn*. *Ischaemum ciliare*, *Retz*. *I. pilosum*, *Hack*. *Andropogon caricosus*, *Linn*. *A. pachyarthrus*, *Hack*. *Anthisteria scandens*, *Roxb*. *Isilema laxum*, *Hack*. *I. Wightii*, *Anders*. *Dinebra arabica*, *Beauv*. *Elytrophorus articulatus*, *Beauv*. *Eragrostis nutans*, *Link*.

4. Grasses which more or less characterize saline soils:—*Andropogon muricatus*, *Retz*. (damper parts). *Isilema Wightii*, *Anders*. (damper parts). *Aristida depressa*, *Retz*. (more sandy parts). *Sporobolus orientalis*, *Kunth*. (usar grass). *Cynodon Dactylon*, *Pers*. (on the less infected parts). *Chloris barbata*, *Swartz*. (more sandy parts). *Tetropogon villosus*, *Desf*. *Diplachne fusca*, *Beauv*. (damper parts). *Eragrostis cynosuroides* *R. and S.* (damper parts). *E. elegantula*, *Nees*. (damper parts). *E. pilosa*, *Beauv*. *E. plumosa*, *Link*. *E. viscosa*, *Trin*. *Aeluropus litoralis*, *Parl.*, var *repens* (Punjab).

LIST OF VERNACULAR NAMES.

These names have been collected from various sources; partly from books, such as Roxburgh's "Flora Indica," and Stewart's "Punjab Plants;" a large number were contributed, together with specimens of the grasses to which they refer, by correspondents in various parts of Northern India; the remainder were obtained personally during my tours in Northern and Central India.

With the exception of Roxburgh's names, the orthography has, as far as possible, been made to conform to the present recognized rules. There doubtless still remain for correction many errors both of omission and commission, and which I hope to be able, by degrees, to rectify. The list, however, such as it is, will serve, it is hoped, as a means of identifying the majority of the more important kinds of fodder grasses.

Several of the names given in this list are obviously vague and unsatisfactory, especially as regards nearly allied species, as for instance those belonging to large genera such as *Panicum*, *Andropogon*, and *Fragaria*.

Special care has been taken in regard to the local names of such kinds as are most useful, whether for fodder or other purposes; and, although the names applied to these are more numerous than in the case of inferior fodder grasses, they are, nevertheless, as a rule, more dependable by reason of the recognized value of such grasses.

Vernacular name.	Botanical name.	Vernacular name.	Botanical name.
A.		Bāmna, ..	<i>Chloris Roxburghiana</i> , Edgew.
Agi mali gadi, ..	<i>Manisuris granularis</i> , Swartz.	Bandar puchhi, ..	<i>Perotis latifolia</i> , Ait.
Ak, ..	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.	Bandarpancha, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R & S.
Amarharh, ..	<i>Ischemum rugosum</i> , Gaertn.	Bandra, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Ahaho, ..	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.	Bandri, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Anjan, ..	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.	Bandri, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Anjan, ..	<i>Cenchrus montanus</i> , Nees.	Bandri, ..	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.
Anne, ..	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> , Linn.	Ban kangni, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Aruga, ..	<i>Paspalum Kora</i> , Linn.	Bankas, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.
Aruga, ..	<i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i> , Linn.	Ban kodo, ..	<i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i> , Linn.
Aruga, ..	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.	Ban-kash, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.
Arugam-pilla, ..	<i>Eragrostis elegantula</i> , Nees.	Ban-kutki, ..	<i>Panicum miliare</i> , Lamk.
Asara, ..	<i>Eragrostis Brownii</i> , Nees.	Bāna, ..	<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i> , Retz.
Asara, ..	<i>Eragrostis nantana</i> , Nees.	Bāna, ..	<i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> , Nees.
Azkhir, ..	<i>Andropogon laniger</i> , Desf.	Bānsā, ..	<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i> , Retz.
B.		Bānsa, ..	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Hochst.
Babbar, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.	Bānsi, ..	<i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Forsk.
Babbar, ..	<i>Andropogon laniger</i> , Desf.	Bānsi, ..	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> , Linn.
Babal, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.	Bānsi, ..	<i>Arundo Domax</i> , Linn.
Bachikron, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.	Bāna kabban, ..	<i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> , Nees.
Badi Shikhar, ..	<i>Panicum miliare</i> , Lamk.	Bara, ..	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.
Bādi, ..	<i>Panicum miliare</i> , Lamk.	Bara bharbhara, ..	<i>Eragrostis pinnosa</i> , Link.
Bāgar, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.	Barati, ..	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.
Bāgarri, ..	<i>Phragmites Roxburghii</i> , Kunth.	Bara jār, ..	<i>Zea Mays</i> , Linn.
Bāb, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.	Bara sānwak, ..	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.
Bāba, ..	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.	Bara sarpot, ..	<i>Dinebra arabica</i> , Beauv.
Bāja, ..	<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i> , Rich.	Bara takria, ..	<i>Panicum sanguinale</i> , Linn.
Bāja, ..	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.	Bara toriya gadi, ..	<i>Ischemum ciliare</i> , Retz.
Bāja jhupnara, ..	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.	Bārāwa, ..	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Bāja tangunawa, ..	<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i> , Rich.	Barchinta, ..	<i>Tragus racemosus</i> , Hall.
Bāji, ..	<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i> , Rich.	Barchinta eloti, ..	<i>Tragus racemosus</i> , Hall.
Bajri, ..	<i>Pennisetum ambo, Edgew.</i>	Barchitta, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Balia, ..	<i>Elytrophous articulatus</i> , Beauv.	Bardami, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Balak, ..	<i>Chrysopogon montanus</i> , Trin.	Bard phāe, ..	<i>Rhynchelytrum Wightii</i> .
		Bārdlyn, ..	<i>Chloris barbata</i> , Swartz.
		Bari gagli, ..	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.
		Bari janri, ..	<i>Zea Mays</i> , Linn.
		Bari bhodore, ..	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.
		Baro bhara, ..	<i>Andropogon Ischemum</i> , Linn.

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Barru, ..	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.	Bonta-shama, ..	<i>Panicum frumentaceum</i> , Roxb.
Barvall, ..	<i>Hottbailia exaltata</i> , Linn. f.	Borull, ..	<i>Panicum paludosum</i> , Roxb.
Barta, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Borja-jhara, ..	<i>Chloris barbata</i> , Swartz.
Baru, ..	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.	Biabam, ..	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.
Barn, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Badhan, ..	<i>Sporobolus pallidus</i> , Nees.
Baro, ..	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.	Badhas, ..	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Retz.
Baru, ..	<i>Cory Laebrynia</i> , Linn.	Badhar, ..	<i>Sporobolus pallidus</i> , Nees.
Barvári, ..	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.	Bajora, ..	<i>Pennisetum typhoidum</i> , Rich.
Barvez, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Buyra, ..	<i>Pennisetum typhoidum</i> , Rich.
Bavanata, ..	<i>Panicum helopus</i> , Trin.	Buksha, ..	<i>Hemarthra compressa</i> , R. & S.
Baola, ..	<i>Cenchrus catharticus</i> , Del.	Bur, ..	<i>Andropogon laevis</i> , Desf.
Bannri, ..	<i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.	Bura-jál-ganti, ..	<i>Panicum helopus</i> , Trin.
Behor báas, ..	<i>Bambusa spinosa</i> , Roxb.	Bura-shama, ..	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.
Bena, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.	Bura-snoorta, ..	<i>Hottbailia exaltata</i> , Linn. f.
Bena-jani, ..	<i>Sporobolus diander</i> , Beauv.	Buru lanku ghar, ..	<i>Arundinella</i> , sp.
Bhábar, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Haenke.	Buru mat, ..	<i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> , Nees.
Bhábar, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Haenke.	Buttan gadi, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.
Bhajnco, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	C.	
Bhamiri, ..	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Hochst.		
Bhangri, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Chaco, ..	<i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> , Link. var. brachystachya.
Bhahura, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Chaj-já-gadi, ..	<i>Pennisetum umbrosum</i> , Edgew.
Bhahuri, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Chak, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.
Bhankta, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Chakharaittagadi, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Bhar bhumi, ..	<i>Cenchrus catharticus</i> , Del.	Chambar, ..	<i>Perotis latifolia</i> , Ait.
Blarbhudi, ..	<i>Eragrostis tenella</i> , Beauv.	Chambra, ..	<i>Pennisetum typhoidum</i> , Rich.
Blarbhui, ..	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Lank.	Chandi, ..	<i>Ischaemum laxum</i> , Hack.
Blarbhui-bera, ..	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Lank.	Chandi namagadi, ..	<i>Eragrostis unioloides</i> , Nees.
Blar-baria, ..	<i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> , Link. var. brachystachya.	Chinkhel, ..	<i>Leptochloa chinensis</i> , Nees.
Bbato-bhena, ..	<i>Andropogon Ischaemum</i> , Linn.	Chanku bati, ..	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Hochst.
Bharant, ..	<i>Cenchrus catharticus</i> , Del.	Chapar, ..	<i>Panicum Polaverii</i> , Trin.
Bharta, ..	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.	Chapraila, ..	<i>Panicum helopus</i> , Trin.
Bharth, ..	<i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.	Chaprur, ..	<i>Panicum Petiverii</i> , Trin.
Bharth, ..	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.	Chaprura, ..	<i>Panicum Petiverii</i> , Trin.
Bharth, ..	<i>Cenchrus flagelliformis</i> , Nees.	Chaprura, ..	<i>Andropogon pertusus</i> , Willd.
Bharu, ..	<i>Anthistria arundinacea</i> , Roxb.	Chari, ..	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.
Bhabia, ..	<i>Eleusine scindica</i> , Duthie.	Charmara, ..	<i>Panicum sanguinale</i> , Linn.
Bhodore, ..	<i>Ischaemum ciliare</i> , Retz. var. villosum.	Charwa, ..	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.
Bholoni, ..	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Link.	Chatta, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.
Bhor, ..	<i>Andropogon Schoenanthus</i> , Linn.	Chatta, ..	<i>Panicum helopus</i> , Trin.
Bhoru, ..	<i>Anthistria scandens</i> , Roxb.	Chauria, ..	<i>Panicum prostratum</i> , Lank.
Bholu, ..	<i>Eragrostis viscosa</i> , Trin.	Chemri, ..	<i>Eleusine flagellifera</i> , Nees.
Bhulta, ..	<i>Eragrostis elegantula</i> , Nees.	Chena, ..	<i>Panicum umbrosum</i> , Linn.
Bhurliar, ..	<i>Eragrostis viscosa</i> , Trin.	Cherukoo-bodi, ..	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.
Bharbhui, ..	<i>Eragrostis viscosa</i> , Trin.	Cherukoo-duboo, ..	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.
Bharbhui, ..	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Link.	Chhat, ..	<i>Ischaemum laxum</i> , Hack.
Bharat, ..	<i>Cenchrus catharticus</i> , Del.	Chhemblar, ..	<i>Eleusine flagellifera</i> , Nees.
Bhus, ..	<i>Chionochloa barbata</i> , R. Br.	Chhemlari, ..	<i>Eleusine flagellifera</i> , Nees.
Bhus jari, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Chhimbar, ..	<i>Eleusine flagellifera</i> , Nees.
Bikhonda, ..	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.	Chhichea, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Biksa, ..	<i>Hemarthra fasciculata</i> , Kunth.	Chhinke, ..	<i>Panicum edule</i> , Retz.
Bilacia kandi, ..	<i>Andropogon caricosa</i> , Linn.	Chhinkhi, ..	<i>Eleusine verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Billi, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.	Chhinkri, ..	<i>Chloris barbata</i> , Swartz.
Bind, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Chicholi, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.
Bira, ..	<i>Bambusa spinosa</i> , Roxb.	Chichuli, ..	<i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.
Biram, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.	Chiklenta, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Bir-kanni, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Chikara, ..	<i>Eleusine apyptea</i> , Pers.
Bora, ..	<i>Andropogon forcolatus</i> , Del.	Chikhari, ..	<i>Panicum sanguinale</i> , Linn.
Bobrya, ..	<i>Eleusine scindica</i> , Duthie.	Chikna bara, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Bonta, ..	<i>Aplada aristata</i> , Linn.	Chikti, ..	<i>Eragrostis viscosa</i> , Trin.
		Chikya, ..	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
		Chima kál gadi, ..	<i>Opismenus Burmanni</i> , Linn.
		China, ..	<i>Panicum miliare</i> , Lamk.
		China, ..	<i>Panicum railaceum</i> , Linn.

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Chinda māmā gadi	<i>Eragrostis uniloides</i> , Nees.	Dabri,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Chici,	<i>Paspalum Hoxianum</i> , Nees.	Dang rhuaa,	<i>Andropogon Schoenanthus</i> , Linn.
Chinke,	<i>Paspalum Kora</i> , Linn.	Danga gurgur,	<i>Coix gigantea</i> , Koen.
Chinwa,	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> , Linn.	Dangara,	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.
Chinawari,	<i>Panicum eruciforme</i> , Sibth. & Sm.	Darbha,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Chipa chima gadi,	<i>Leptochloa filiformis</i> , R. & S.	Datia,	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn. var.
Chipara,	<i>Andropogon Schoenanthus</i> , Linn.	Datnuya,	<i>Chloris</i> sp.
Chippal,	<i>Eragrostis viscosa</i> , Trin.	Davolia,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , Retz.
Chitr,	<i>Eragrostis Brownii</i> , Nees.	Dein,	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.
Chitr,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Doodhan,	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.
Chirobira,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Deonal,	<i>Phragmites Roxburghii</i> , Kunth.
Chiribitta,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Deonah,	<i>Phragmites Roxburghii</i> , Kunth.
Chiri-chima,	<i>Paspalum pedicellatum</i> , Nees.	Detara,	<i>Andropogon caricosus</i> , Linn.
Chiri ka chianwalla,	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Hochst.	Detia,	<i>Andropogon caricosus</i> , Linn.
Chiri ka khet,	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Hochst.	Dhab,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Chiri ka khet,	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Link.	Dhathan,	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.
Chiri ka bajro,	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Link.	Dhamaa,	<i>Tragus racemosus</i> , Hall.
Chiriya chalna,	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> , R. & S.	Dharman,	<i>Cenchrus montanus</i> , Nees.
Chiriya ka chalaia,	<i>Eragrostis megastachya</i> , Link.	Dharman,	<i>Pennisetum cenchroides</i> , Rich.
Chiriya ka dāna,	<i>Eragrostis plene</i> , Beauv.	Dharman,	<i>Cenchrus montanus</i> , Nees.
Chiriya ka dāna,	<i>Sporobolus diander</i> , Beauv.	Dharman,	<i>Panicum Myurus</i> , Lamk.
Chirya,	<i>Andropogon pertusus</i> , Willd.	Dharman,	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.
Chitua,	<i>Pennisetum</i> , Linn.	Dhand,	<i>Panicum saridum</i> , Kott.
Chitra,	<i>Pulypogon monspeliensis</i> , Boef.	Dhanera,	<i>Ischaemum rugosum</i> , Gaertn.
Chiar,	<i>Setaria itilica</i> , Kunth.	Dhanua,	<i>Manisuris grandiflora</i> , Swartz.
Chitum,	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.	Dhukuro ghā,	<i>Chrysopogon caruleus</i> , Nees.
Chora-kānta,	<i>Chrysopogon aciculatus</i> , Trin.	Dhanua,	<i>Chrysopogon caruleus</i> , Nees.
Chota asara,	<i>Eragrostis elegantula</i> , Nees.	Dhahana,	<i>Panicum myosmoides</i> , R. Br.
Chola bhānta,	<i>Eragrostis bifaria</i> , W. & A.	Dhahana,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Chola chukya,	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> , R. & S.	Dholu,	<i>Eriophanthus Ravenne</i> , Beauv.
Chota kural,	<i>Pollinia argentea</i> , Trin.	Dhapes,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Chota lonyā,	<i>Eragrostis uniloides</i> , Nees.	Dhuan,	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Chota niandyā,	<i>Eragrostis aegyptiaca</i> , Pers.	Dib,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Chota piya,	<i>Andropogon pertusus</i> , Willd.	Dila,	<i>Phragmites communis</i> , Trin.
Chota sarata,	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> , R. & S.	Disti,	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Chotifili,	<i>Ischaemum efflare</i> , Retz., var. villanum.	Dob,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Choti jār,	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.	Dobra,	<i>Panicum efflare</i> , Retz.
Choti jār,	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.	Douda,	<i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Pers.
Choti khidi,	<i>Eragrostis Brownii</i> , Nees.	Dorba,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Choti puri,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Dora,	<i>Panicum Sallans</i> , R. & S.
Choti seini,	<i>Panicum prostratum</i> , Lamk.	Dora byara,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.
Chote,	<i>Oplismenus compositus</i> , Gaertn.	Drib,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Chubrei,	<i>Eleusine flagellifera</i> , Nees.	Drāb,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Chubrei,	<i>Eleusine aegyptiaca</i> , Pers.	Dro,	<i>Triticum sativum</i> , Lamk.
Chudar jshara,	<i>Anthistria ciliata</i> , Linn. f.	Drāb,	<i>Phragmites Roxburghii</i> , Kunth.
Ching,	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Dub,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Chura,	<i>Oplismenus Burmanni</i> , Linn.	Dūba,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
D.		Dūba,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.
Dāb,	<i>Imperata arundinacea</i> .	Dūbra,	<i>Panicum sanguinalis</i> , Linn.
Dāb,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Dūbra,	<i>Eleusine flagellifera</i> , Nees.
Dab,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Dūbra,	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Dablin,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Dū,	<i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.
Dabūir,	<i>Coix Lithryma</i> , Linn.	Dūda,	<i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Pers.
Dabūir,	<i>Andropogon Iniger</i> , Desf.	Durbach,	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.

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H.		K.	
Hál,	.. <i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.	Kabál,	.. <i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.
Harala,	.. <i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.	Kachi gadi,	.. <i>Andropogon intermedius</i> , Br. var. <i>genuina</i> .
Harálá,	.. <i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.	Kadpi,	.. <i>Chionachne barbata</i> , R. Br.
Harýeli,	.. <i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.	Kagara,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Hen,	.. <i>Panicum sanguinale</i> , Linn.	Kágya,	.. <i>Chloris tealla</i> , Roxb.
Hilla gadi,	.. <i>Chloris Roxburghiana</i> , Edgew.	Kábi,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Hira,	.. <i>Ischemum laxum</i> , R. Br.	Káhu,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Homa,	.. <i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.	Kajooli,	.. <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.
Horo,	.. <i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.	Kakariya,	.. <i>Cleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Hakara gadi,	.. <i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Kákní,	.. <i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.
Harwal,	.. <i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Kákuu,	.. <i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.
Hulis,	.. <i>Andropogon tropicus</i> , Spreng.	Káka,	.. <i>Ischemum ciliare</i> , Retz.
I.		Kalghun,	.. <i>Avena sativa</i> , Linn.
Ibharankasha,	.. <i>Andropogon Schoenanthus</i> , Linn.	Kálin,	.. <i>Tetrapogon villosus</i> , Desf.
Ichkoeh,	.. <i>Eragrostis uniloides</i> , Nees.	Káli ghás,	.. <i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Ichkoi,	.. <i>Eragrostis tenella</i> , Beauv.	Kalla báhs,	.. <i>Mambusa arundinacea</i> , Retz.
Ikh,	.. <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.	Kalnargi,	.. <i>Eragrostis elegantula</i> , Nees.
Ikhári,	.. <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.	Kalunji,	.. <i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Horst.
Iwarankosha,	.. <i>Andropogon Schoenanthus</i> , Linn.	Kálnara,	.. <i>Sporobolus orientalis</i> , Kunth.
J.		Kamád,	.. <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.
Jab,	.. <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Kamánd,	.. <i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.
Jal,	.. <i>Avena sativa</i> , Linn.	Kámrori,	.. <i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Jal-ganti,	.. <i>Panicum holopus</i> , Trin.	Kán,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Jalgundya,	.. <i>Ischemum rigosum</i> , Gaertn.	Kána,	.. <i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.
Jaljatang jhara,	.. <i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Kanak,	.. <i>Triticum sativum</i> , Lomk.
Jaudel,	.. <i>Avena sativa</i> , Linn.	Kanda,	.. <i>Saccharum Sars</i> , Roxb.
Janeva,	.. <i>Andropogon pertusus</i> , Willd.	Kangna,	.. <i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.
Jasawa,	.. <i>Andropogon Ischemum</i> , Linn.	Kanqul,	.. <i>Manisuris granulata</i> , Swartz.
Jasowar,	.. <i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Forsk.	Kangul,	.. <i>Setaria hallea</i> , Kunth.
Jangh malleha,	.. <i>Elesine scindles</i> , Duthie.	Kangai,	.. <i>Elenalea verticillata</i> , Roxb.
Jangh sánuak,	.. <i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.	Kaugua,	.. <i>Anthistiria arundinacea</i> , Roxb.
Jangh sánuak,	.. <i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.	Káhh,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Jamhe,	.. <i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i> , Linn.	Kanka gadi,	.. <i>Spodiopogon albidus</i> , Benth.
Jano,	.. <i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.	Káhs,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Jaramkush,	.. <i>Andropogon inulger</i> , Desf.	Káisa,	.. <i>Sorghum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Jarga,	.. <i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Forsk.	Káisi,	.. <i>Saccharum spontaneum</i> , Linn.
Jargu,	.. <i>Andropogon Ischemum</i> , Linn.	Kanwar,	.. <i>Saccharum Sars</i> , Roxb.
Jargadi,	.. <i>Coix Laciniata</i> , Linn.	Kar gáudhel	.. <i>Iselloma laxum</i> , Hack.
Jargi,	.. <i>Chloris barbata</i> , Swartz.	dingarko,	.. <i>Andropogon foveolatus</i> , Del.
Jarota,	.. <i>Panicum Crus-Galli</i> , Linn.	Kar gáudhel,	.. <i>Paspalum Royleana</i> , Nees.
Jan,	.. <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Karha,	.. <i>Phragmites Roxburghii</i> , Kunth.
Jaudal,	.. <i>Avena sativa</i> , Linn.	Kark-madhána,	.. <i>Elesine egyptiaca</i> , Pers.
Jav,	.. <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Kar madhána,	.. <i>Elesine egyptiaca</i> , Pers.
Jawa,	.. <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Karno,	.. <i>Sporobolus pallidus</i> , Nees.
Jawi,	.. <i>Avena sativa</i> , Linn.	Kair,	.. <i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Forsk.
Joi,	.. <i>Avena sativa</i> , Linn.	Kasar,	.. <i>Thyrsoloma acarifera</i> , Nees.
Jenkun,	.. <i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> , Link., var.	Karál,	.. <i>Sorghum halepense</i> , Pers.
Jhangora,	.. <i>Panicum frumentaceum</i> , Roxb.		
Jharna,	.. <i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.		
Jharna,	.. <i>Elesine verticillata</i> , Roxb.		
Jharna,	.. <i>Chloris barbata</i> , Swartz.		
Jhingri,	.. <i>Cleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.		
Jhingri ka jhara,	.. <i>Chrysopogon caeruleus</i> , Nees.		
Jhira,	.. <i>Leptochloa filiformis</i> , R. & S.		
Jhotak,	.. <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.		
Jhimgara,	.. <i>Panicum frumentaceum</i> , Roxb.		
Jhura,	.. <i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Link.		
Jiral,	.. <i>Pennisetum holcoides</i> , Schult.		

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Kat usara gbá, ..	Sporobolus orientalis, Kunth.	Kodcha, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum Linn.
Kava-jonar, ..	Sorghum vulgare, Pers.	Kodoli, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Kasurum, ..	Avena sativa, Linn.	Kodo, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Kasei, ..	Coix lacrymosa, Linn.	Kodon, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Kasi gadi, ..	Andropogon intermedius, Br.	Kodon, ..	Echinochloa coracana, Gaertn.
Katara, ..	Saccharum officinarum, Linn.	Kodra, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Katki, ..	Panicum humile, Nees	Kodra, ..	Echinochloa coracana, Gaertn.
Kattang bān, ..	Bambusa arundinacea, Retz.	Kodram, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Kattangiya safed, ..	Aplasia aristata, Linn.	Kodo, ..	Paspalum Kera, Linn.
Kandi, ..	Pollinia argentea, Trin.	Kohdi, ..	Anthistria anathema, Nees.
Kanani, ..	Setaria italica, Kunth.	Kolana, ..	Tetrapogon villosus, Desf.
Kesul, ..	Coix gigantea, Koen.	Kolhati, ..	Elytrophorus articulatus Beauv.
Kewai, ..	Panicum sanguinale, Linn.	Konda, ..	Sorghum vulgare, Pers.
Kewai, ..	Panicum citiare, Retz.	Konda phookoo, ..	Hottbellia exaltata, Linn. f.
Khubul, ..	Cynodon Dactylon, Pers.	Koneo, ..	Dragnetis uniloides, Nees.
Khabbar, ..	Cynodon Dactylon, Pers.	Koori chinko, ..	Echinochloa verticillata, Roxb.
Khajuria, ..	Dragnetis notans, Nees	Koosha, ..	Dragnetis cynosuroides R. & S.
Khagar, ..	Saccharum spontaneum, Linn.	Kooshia, ..	Saccharum officinarum, Linn.
Khair, ..	Andropogon laniger, Desf.	Kopar, ..	Dendrocladus strictus, Nees
Khiir, ..	Chrysopogon caryolatus, Nees.	Kora, ..	Paspalum Kera, Linn.
Khar, ..	Heteropogon contortus, R. & S.	Kara, ..	Setaria italica, Kunth.
Kharang, ..	Aristida, sp.	Kore gadi, ..	Saccharum spontaneum, Linn.
Khari, ..	Dragnetis Brownii, Nees.	Korkol jodi, ..	Panicum sanguinale, Linn.
Kharimbar, ..	Echinochloa flagellifera, Nees.	Korra gadi, ..	Andropogon sanguinalis, Hack.
Khar phac, ..	Andropogon intermedius, Br.	Kora, ..	Saccharum spontaneum, Linn.
Khasi, ..	Triticum sativum, Lamk.	Kota, ..	Setaria glauca, Beauv.
Khas kha, ..	Andropogon muricatus, Retz.	Kotain, ..	Panicum helopus, Trin.
Khavi, ..	Andropogon laniger, Desf.	Koter, ..	Pollinia argentea, Trin.
Khawi, ..	Andropogon laniger, Desf.	Kudda jari, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Khai id, ..	Triticum sativum, Lamk.	Kudpal, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.
Khel, ..	Andropogon annulatus, Forsk.	Kokar, ..	Cochlosia callitricus, Del.
Kheo, ..	Sporobolus orientalis, Kunth.	Kokra, ..	Setaria glauca, Beauv.
Kher, ..	Heteropogon contortus, R. & S.	Kokri, ..	Zea Mays, Linn.
Kheri, ..	Setaria italica, Kunth.	Kuljud, ..	Avena sativa, Linn.
Kheri madhina, ..	Andropogon caryocarpus, Linn.	Kuloor, ..	Saccharum officinarum, Linn.
Kherokra, ..	Tetrapogon villosus, Desf.	Kulaka, ..	Setaria glauca, Beauv.
Khetokra, ..	Echinochloa aegyptiaca, Pers.	Kolins-nar, ..	Panicum pulidum, Horb.
Khet kapuri, ..	Elytrophorus articulatus, Beauv.	Kneeb, ..	Coix lacrymosa, Linn.
Khid, ..	Chrysopogon caryocarpus, Linn.	Kunda hutta m gadi, ..	Panicum Cru-Galli, Linn.
Khir, ..	Sporobolus indicus, R. Br.	Kundh, ..	Ischemum pilosum, Hack.
Khori, ..	Saccharum acedecumbens, Roxb.	Knagon, ..	Setaria italica, Kunth.
Khurish, ..	Panicum sanguinale, Linn.	Knaura, ..	Heteropogon contortus, R. & S.
Khurac, ..	Saccharum acedecumbens, Roxb.	Karankusha, ..	Andropogon Schwananthus, Linn.
Khureo, ..	Miscanthus fuscus, Anders.	Karanka gadi, ..	Panicum flaccidum, Retz.
Kilat, ..	Miscanthus fuscus, Anders.	Kuri, ..	Panicum helopus, Trin.
Killa, ..	Andropogon pertusus, Willd.	Kuri chinko, ..	Echinochloa verticillata, Roxb.
Killa-machhar, ..	Andropogon caryocarpus, Linn.	Kurja, ..	Panicum helopus, Trin.
Kirna gilarnu gadi, ..	Echinochloa barbata, R. Br.	Kurka, ..	Pennisetum cenchroides, Rich.
Kodra, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.	Kurki, ..	Ophiorhiza levis, Benth.
Koda, ..	Echinochloa coracana, Gaertn.	Kuror, ..	Echinochloa indica, Gaertn.
Koda gadi, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.	Kat, ..	Dragnetis cynosuroides, R. & S.
Koda johor, ..	Andropogon intermedius, var. punctatus.	Kana, ..	Imperata arundinacea, Chril.
Kodda gadi, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.	Kasa, ..	Dragnetis cynosuroides, R. & S.
Kodda jari, ..	Paspalum scrobiculatum, Linn.	Kusa, ..	Pennisetum cenchroides, Rich.
Kode, ..	Echinochloa coracana, Gaertn.	Kusal, ..	Heteropogon contortus, R. & S.
		Kuan, ..	Heteropogon contortus, R. & S.
		Kusahi, ..	Heteropogon contortus, R. & S.

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Kash,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Madhāna,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Pers.
Kash,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Magar bāns,	<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i> , Retz.
Kash,	<i>Eragrostis cynosuroides</i> , R. & S.	Magar gadi,	<i>Ischemum rugosum</i> , Gaertn.
Kash,	<i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.	Majori,	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.
Kash,	<i>Dendrocalamus strictus</i> , Nees.	Mahamāna,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Kash,	<i>Eragrostis pilosa</i> , Beauv.	Maharāla,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Kash,	<i>Panicum miliare</i> , Lamk.	Mahai,	<i>Zea Mays</i> , Linn.
Kash,	<i>Eleusine coracana</i> , Gaertn.	Makka,	<i>Zea Mays</i> , Linn.
Kash,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Makki,	<i>Zea Mays</i> , Linn.
Kash,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Makur-jalec,	<i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.
Kash,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Makur-jali,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Pers.
Kash,	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.	Makala,	<i>Panicum prostratum</i> , Lamk.
Kash,	<i>Eragrostis nutans</i> , Nees.	Makora,	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
L.		Makra,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lahoria,	<i>Eragrostis nailoides</i> , Nees.	Makra,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lahra,	<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i> , Rich.	Makra,	<i>Zea Mays</i> , Linn.
Lil bali,	<i>Eragrostis nutans</i> , Nees.	Malakaya,	<i>Andropogon pachyarthrus</i> , Hack.
Lil kasal,	<i>Andropogon fastigiatus</i> , Sw.	Mal-aukari,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lil rāmpa,	<i>Aristida</i> , sp.	Mal,	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.
Lam,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Mahar,	<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i> , Desf.
Lamb,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Mahar,	<i>Andropogon pertusus</i> , Willd.
Lamb,	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Malichu,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Pers.
Lamba,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Mahyar,	<i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Forsk.
Lambha,	<i>Eragrostis nutans</i> , Nees.	Mahjanji,	<i>Dinebra arabica</i> , Beauv.
Lam'e,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Māika phalka,	<i>Andropogon pachyarthrus</i> , Hack.
Lamp,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Maiwa jari, G.,	<i>Isilema laxum</i> , Hack.
Lamp,	<i>Aristida hystrix</i> , Linn. f.	Manchi malwa gadi,	<i>Isilema laxum</i> , Hack.
Lamp,	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Mandal,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lamp,	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Mandial jori,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lamp,	<i>Aristida hystrix</i> , Linn. f.	Mandija,	<i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.
Lamp,	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Mandjuro,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lap,	<i>Stipa</i> , sp.	Mandua,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lapra dhanla,	<i>Aristida hystrix</i> , Linn. f.	Mandusi,	<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i> , Desf.
Lapri dhanla,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Mandna,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lappa,	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Mandwa,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lappa,	<i>Aristida hystrix</i> , Linn. f.	Mangrar,	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.
Lapta,	<i>Cenchrus catharticus</i> , Del.	Mansa,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Lapta,	<i>Setaria verticillata</i> , Beauv.	Maror,	<i>Ischemum rugosum</i> , Gaertn.
Laraiya,	<i>Pennisetum holcoides</i> , Schult.	Marsi,	<i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i> , Linn.
Layo gundli,	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.	Morus,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.
Londha,	<i>Pennisetum typhoides</i> , Rich.	Marudi,	<i>Ischemum rugosum</i> , Gaertn.
Ljibar,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.	Masan,	<i>Isilema laxum</i> , Hack.
Liyam gadi,	<i>Pennisetum argenteum</i> , Trin.	Masan,	<i>Isilema laxum</i> , Hack.
Liyar gadi,	<i>Andropogon fastigiatus</i> , Sw.	Mathanliya,	<i>Oblorix Roxburghiana</i> , Edgew.
Lodi gadi,	<i>Panicum malleum</i> , Linn.	Mathna,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Pers.
Lohiya,	<i>Leptochloa filiformis</i> , R. & S.	Mohat,	<i>Ischemum rugosum</i> , Gaertn.
Loidan sarpat,	<i>Panicum crueforme</i> , Sibth.	Mer,	<i>Ischna anstralis</i> , R. Br.
Loidan sipat,	<i>Panicum crueforme</i> , Sibth.	Mijhri,	<i>Panicum miliare</i> , Lamk.
Lonak,	<i>Aristida plumosa</i> , Linn.	Miriyar,	<i>Andropogon annulatus</i> , Forsk.
Lomya,	<i>Eragrostis nailoides</i> , Nees.	Mircha,	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Lunji,	<i>Isilema laxum</i> , Hack.	Mircha gand,	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Lukki,	<i>Eragrostis tremula</i> , Hochst.	Mirchia,	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Lukal,	<i>Pogonatherum saccharoides</i> , Beauv.	Mirchia gand,	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Lunra,	<i>Eragrostis nutans</i> , Nees.	Mircha,	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Landi,	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> , R. & S.	Mircha,	<i>Eragrostis bifaria</i> , W. & A.
M.			
Machanri,	<i>Isilema laxum</i> , Hack.		
Madanya,	<i>Eleusine indica</i> , Gaertn.		

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Sariāla, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R & S	Sirwala, ..	<i>Andropogon forscatus</i> , Del.
Sarjhar, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Sitiya, ..	<i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.
Sarjanda, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Sinri, ..	<i>Panicum climacium</i> , Retz.
Sarkara, ..	<i>Saccharum Sara</i> , Roxb.	Sjuri, ..	<i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.
Sarkara, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Sivari, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.
Sarmal, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Sivari, ..	<i>Eleonurus hirsutus</i> , Munro.
Sarpat, ..	<i>Saccharum Sara</i> , Roxb.	Soa, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.
Sarpot, ..	<i>Panicum eruciforme</i> , Sibth.	Soda, ..	<i>Panicum pulchellum</i> , Roxb.
Sarpur, ..	<i>Panicum prostratum</i> , Lamk.	Soder, ..	<i>Cleusine coracana</i> , Gaertn.
Sarpnt, ..	<i>Panicum eruciforme</i> , Sibth.	Solara, ..	<i>Andropogon laniger</i> , Desf.
Sarr, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Som, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance.
Sarwāla, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Soma, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Sarwār, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Sona, ..	<i>Pollinia eriopoda</i> , Hance
Sarwāra, ..	<i>Ophiorus lavis</i> , Benth.	Soma-jhara, ..	<i>Pollinia argentea</i> , Trin.
Satgathia, ..	<i>Ophiorus lavis</i> , Benth.	Sontha, ..	<i>Ophiorus corymbosa</i> , Gaertn.
Satgattua, ..	<i>Ophiorus lavis</i> , Benth.	Sakra, ..	<i>Arundo Donax</i> , Linn.
Sathiya, ..	<i>Panicum flavidum</i> , Retz.	Santu bulrai, ..	<i>Cleusine aegyptiaca</i> , Pers.
Sauri ghās, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.	Sapedhar, ..	<i>Panicum myosuroides</i> , L. Br.
Savā, ..	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> , R. & S.	Sar, ..	<i>Eragrostis nutans</i> , Nees.
Sawan, ..	<i>Panicum frumentaceum</i> , Roxb.	Sarāri, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Sawan bhedecha, ..	<i>Panicum frumentaceum</i> , Roxb.	Saria, ..	<i>Elytrophorus articulatus</i> , Beauv.
Sawan chaitwa, ..	<i>Panicum millicum</i> , Linn.	Sariāla, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Sawan dangarkho, ..	<i>Paspalum Kora</i> , Linn.	Sarwāl, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Sawan jathwa, ..	<i>Panicum millicum</i> , Linn.	Sarwāla, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Sawāni, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.	Sarwār, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Sawoll, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.	Sarwāra, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , R. & S.
Sedwa, ..	<i>Ischaemum laxum</i> , R. Br.	Swati, ..	<i>Pennisetum holcoides</i> , Schult.
Sehri, ..	<i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.	T, ..	
Semai, ..	<i>Panicum helopus</i> , Trin.	Tai, ..	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.
Send, ..	<i>Aplada cristata</i> , Linn.	Takri, ..	<i>Panicum sanguinalis</i> , Linn.
Senthia, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Takriya, ..	<i>Panicum sanguinale</i> , Linn.
Seran, ..	<i>Ischaemum laxum</i> , R. Br.	Talaphetar, ..	<i>Helicochloa schenoides</i> , Host.
Shak, ..	<i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.	Talla, ..	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Shāl, ..	<i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.	Tām, ..	<i>Pollinia argentea</i> , Trin.
Shālian, ..	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.	Tambat, ..	<i>Andropogon glaber</i> , Roxb.
Shālū, ..	<i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.	Tandua, ..	<i>Sporobolus orientalis</i> , Kunth.
Shama, ..	<i>Panicum frumentaceum</i> , Roxb.	Tāngua, ..	<i>Setaria italica</i> , Kunth.
Shama, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.	Tāni, ..	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.
Shamukha, ..	<i>Panicum antidotale</i> , Retz.	Tatar, ..	<i>Panicum prostratum</i> , Lamk.
Shangali-gaddi, ..	<i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.	Tatyan, ..	<i>Themeda Farskallii</i> , Hack.
Shar, ..	<i>Saccharum Sara</i> , Roxb.	Taura, ..	<i>Pennisetum cernuroides</i> , Mich.
Shervoo, ..	<i>Hemarthria compressa</i> , R. Br.	Tella, ..	<i>Sorghum vulgare</i> , Pers.
Shilpuroo kalli, ..	<i>Aristida hystrix</i> , Linn.	Teug, ..	<i>Saccharum procerum</i> , Roxb.
Shroka, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Thanzalt, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.
Shiwan, ..	<i>Eleonurus hirsutus</i> , Munro.	Thikhari, ..	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Shrāl, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Thantwa, ..	<i>Setaria glauca</i> , Beauv.
Shur, ..	<i>Saccharum Sara</i> , Roxb.	Thūn, ..	<i>Panicum holopus</i> , Trin.
Sikla, ..	<i>Panicum ciliare</i> , Retz.	Tigri, ..	<i>Chrysopogon carinatus</i> , Nees.
Sil, ..	<i>Imperata arundinacea</i> , Cyrill.	Tikandi-moti, ..	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Sin, ..	<i>Eleonurus hirsutus</i> , Munro.	Tikha jadan, ..	<i>Isellima latum</i> , Hack.
Sinā, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.	Tikhari, ..	<i>Andropogon Schenanthus</i> , Linn.
Sinā, ..	<i>Aristida depressa</i> , Retz.	Tikriya, ..	<i>Andropogon portusis</i> , Willd.
Sinā-jhām, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.	Til, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.
Sipari gadi, ..	<i>Eragrostis plumosa</i> , Link.	Tilak, ..	<i>Saccharum</i> , sp.
Sir, ..	<i>Imperata arundinacea</i> , Cyrill.	Tilchaniwali, ..	<i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> , Link., var.
Sir ghurai, ..	<i>Ischaemum laxum</i> , R. Br.	Tilija, ..	<i>Panicum eruciforme</i> , Sibth.
Sirki, ..	<i>Andropogon laniger</i> , Desf.	Tilla, ..	<i>Cynodon Dactylon</i> , Pers.
Sumakar, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.	Tilon, ..	<i>Saccharum ciliare</i> , Anders.
Sirom, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.	Tinai, ..	<i>Utricularia cristata</i> , Nees.
Siu, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.		
Siu, ..	<i>Imperata arundinacea</i> , Cyrill		

Vernacular name.	Botanical name.	Vernacular name.	Botanical name.
Typkin, ..	<i>Eleusinegyptiaca</i> , Pers.	V.
Titar, ..	<i>Anthistia scandens</i> , Roxb.	Vál, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.
Tokár, ..	<i>Triticum sativum</i> , Linn.	Vuriga, ..	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> , Linn.
Toli, ..	<i>Ischaemum rugosum</i> , Gerlt.	Várola, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.
Tomar, ..	<i>Triticum sativum</i> , Linn.	Vedroo, ..	<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i> , Retz.
Torhambol, ..	<i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> , Link.	Vettiver, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.
Tro, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.	Vidar guela gadi, ..	<i>Andropogon pertusus</i> , Willd.
Tro, ..	<i>Triticum sativum</i> , Linn.	W.
Tsedre, ..	<i>Panicum miliaceum</i> , Linn.	Wadata-toka-gad-	..
Tadi, ..	<i>Ischaemum rugosum</i> , Gerlt.	dec, ..	<i>Dinebra arabica</i> , Beauv.
Tat-mangab, ..	<i>Andropogon ischaemum</i> , Linn.	Wanji jari, ..	<i>Andropogon brevifolius</i> , Sw.
U.	Ward gadi, ..	<i>Andropogon brevifolius</i> , Sw.
Ukh, ..	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.	Watanja, ..	<i>Oplismenus Burmanni</i> , Linn.
Ukhárl, ..	<i>Saccharum officinarum</i> , Linn.	Woctwear, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.
Ula, ..	<i>Anthistia arundinacea</i> , Roxb.	Wooda-tallum, ..	<i>Eragrostis bifaria</i> , W. & A.
Ula, ..	<i>Imperata arundinacea</i> , Cyrill.	Woodoo-gadli, ..	<i>Panicum aspidum</i> , Retz.
Uñdar gin, ..	<i>Arthraxon ciliare</i> , Beauv.	Woondoo-gadli, ..	<i>Panicum colonum</i> , Linn.
Uñdar puchha, ..	<i>Pectis latifolia</i> , Ait.	Worga, ..	<i>Panicum latifolium</i> , Linn.
Uñdar puchha, ..	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> , H. & S.	Y.
Uñdar puchha, ..	<i>Eragrostis ciliaris</i> , Link.	Yangma, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.
Uñdar, ..	<i>Arthraxon ciliare</i> , Beauv.	Yava, ..	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> , Linn.
Ural, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.	Yaddi, ..	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> , H. & S.
Urduyn, ..	<i>Panicum humile</i> , Nees.	Yellika-tungo- gadi, ..	<i>Sporobolus coronandellianus</i> , Roxb.
Urenka, ..	<i>Eragrostis nutans</i> , Nees.	Yerwa, ..	<i>Oplismenus Hermannii</i> , Linn.
Uri dhán, ..	<i>Oryza sativa</i> , Linn.	Z.
Ursori, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.	Zad, ..	<i>Triticum sativum</i> , Linn.
Ukar kl ghás, ..	<i>Sporobolus orientalis</i> , Kunth.
Ushir, ..	<i>Andropogon muricatus</i> , Retz.
Ushir, ..	<i>Imperata arundinacea</i> , Cyrill.
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APPENDIX.

I am indebted to Professor Hackel of St. Pölten for another valuable communication on Indian Grasses, which has fortunately reached me in time to enable me to include in this Appendix some important notes in the way of additions and corrections.

Page 2. In addition to the Indian species of *Paspalum* already referred to, the following should be mentioned:—

P. costatum, *Hochst. Vern.—RAJPUTANA: Kuri* (Mount Abu). A very elegant little grass, growing in wet ground on Mount Abu.

P. minutiflorum, *Steud.*, of which I have specimens gathered in Dehra Dún.

The name *Eriochloa annulata*, *Kunth.*, should replace that of *E. polystachya*, *H. B. & K.*

Page 3. The Rájputána vernacular name "mez" given under *Isachne australis*, *R. Br.*, refers to another species called *I. dispar*, *Trin.*

Page 17. The name *Pennisetum lanuginosum*, *Hochst.*, should replace that of *P. holcoïdes*, *Schult.*; and the name on *Plate XLIX.* should be similarly altered.

Page 21. Allied to *Rhynchelytrum Wightii*, is an undescribed species, specimens of which, gathered at Ajmere, have been named *Tricholœna tuberculosa* by Professor Hackel.

Page 26. A variety of *Erianthus Ravennæ*, *Beauv.*, called *purpurascens*, (*Syn.—E. purpurascens*, *Anders.*), occurs also in the plains.

Page 27. Add *Pollinia ciliata*, *Trin. Syn.—P. lancea*, *Nees. Ravines, Dehra Dún.*

" *A. ciliare*" should be "*A. ciliaris*."

Page 28. The vernacular names given under *Arthraxon ciliaris*, *Beauv.*, refer to *A. lanceolatus*, *Hochst. (Syn.—An-*

- dropogon lanceolatus*, Roxb.) I have, however, specimens of *A. ciliaris* from Mount Abu.
- Page 28. Add to *Rotibellia exaltata*, Linn. f. Vern.—RAJPUTANA : Dabir (Mount Abu).
- Page 29. The name *Ophiurus perforatus*, Trin., should replace that of *O. lavis*, Benth.
- Page 30. Under *Ischaemum ciliare*, Retz., the vernacular name "Kāla" should be omitted.
- Page 31. After "*I. pilosum*, Hack.," read "*Monogr. ined.*"
- Page 34. After "*A. gangeticus*, Hack.," read "*Monogr. ined.*"
- Page 35. Add "*Andropogon Hügelii*, Hack. *Monogr. ined.* HABITAT: Mount Abu in Rājputāna."
- " *Andropogon laniger*, Desf. Specimens collected at Ajmere are pronounced by Professor Hackel to be intermediate between this species and *A. iwanancusa* (*A. Schœnanthus*, Linn.)
- Page 36. Add "*Andropogon micranthus*, Kunth. *Var. villosulus*, Hack. *Monogr. ined.* Vern.—BUNDELKHAND : Ballak (Mount Abu)." See remarks on this species under *Chrysopogon montanus*, Trin., p. 40.
- Page 37. Add *Andropogon Nardus*, Linn.; Sub-species *khasiensis*, Hack. *Monogr. ined.* Syn.—*A. khasius*, Munro. M. S. Vern.—Tachla or chiriāla (Dehra Dun). A tall sweet-scented grass resembling *A. Schœnanthus*. After "*Andropogon pachyarthrus*, Hack.," add "*Monogr. ined.*"
- Page 38. Add *Andropogon Pseudoischaemum*, Nees. Abundant in the plains of Northern India, and often confounded with *A. annulatus*, Forek, and *A. Ischaemum*, Linn.; also var. *obtusiusculus*, Hack. *Monogr. ined.*, which differs from the type by its blunter glumes.
- Page 39. "*Chrysopogon caruleus*, Nees." should be *Andropogon Trinii*, Steud. Syn.—*Chrysopogon serrulatus*, Trin.; *Rhaphis carulea*, Nees.
- " The vernacular name "*tigri*" under *O. caruleus*, Nees. refers to *O. montanus*, Trin., on p. 40.
- Page 40. Under *Chrysopogon montanus*, Trin., add Vernacular names "*Tigri* (Bundelkhand)" and *Karmi* (Mount Abu). The other name "*ballak*" refers to *Andropogon mic-*

- ranthus*, Kunth, as also the remarks regarding its value as fodder.
- Page 42. "*Anthisteria gigantea*, Cav.," is "*Themeda gigantea*, Hack. Monogr. ined." Var. *caudata*. Syn.—*A. caudata*, Nees. and *A. Hookeri*, Griseb.
- Page 43. After "*Themeda ciliata*, Hack." *A.* (*Themeda Forskallii* Hack.)" and "*I. laxum*, Hack.," add "*Monogr. ined.*"
- Page 47. *Aristida hystriola*, Edgew., occurs in the Etawah District, and is called "*Jappa*."
- Page 49. Professor Hackel is of opinion that the specimens I have named *Sporobolus orientalis*, Kunth, and what is represented on Plate XXXII., should be referred to *S. pallidus*, Nees, or to a variety of that species. Only the name requires alteration, and the synonym *Vilfa orientalis* should disappear.
- Page 51. The name *Chloris digitata*, Steud., should replace that of *C. Roxburghiana*, Edgew.
- Page 55. Add *Tetrapogon tetrastachys*, Hack. Monogr. ined (n. sp.), concerning which Professor Hackel remarks— "A very surprising new species, not only differing from *T. villosa* by its four spikes, but by a host of characters." It is this grass which is so especially characteristic of the red soils of the Doab. The N.-W. Provinces Vernacular names under *T. villosus* should be referred here, also Plate LXVIII.
- " Line 14 from bottom, for "*Sporobolus orientalis*," read "*Sporobolus pallidus*."
- Page 61. Professor Hackel distinguishes a variety of *Eragrostis plumosa*, Link., with congested panicles, under the name of *densiflora*. This variety is plentiful in Northern India on sandy and saline soils.
- Page 63. Add *Eragrostis stenophylla*, Hochst. Abundant in wet ground. I have specimens from the Doab, Bundelkhand, and from Mount Abu.
- " For *Eragrostis tremula*, Hochst., substitute the name *Eragrostis rachitricha*, Hochst., the true *E. tremula* being apparently confined to Kulin.
- Add to Vernacular List—
- Balluk = *Andropogon micranthus*, Kunth. Var. *villosulus*.
- Chiriala = *Andropogon Nardus*, Linn. Subsp. *khasiannus*, Hack.

- Dābir = *Rottbøllia exaltata*, Linn. f.
Karni = *Chrysopogon montanus*, Trin.
Kuri = *Paspalum costatum*, Hochst.
Lappa = *Aristida hystriola*, Edgew.
Mez = *Isachne dispar*, Trin.
Tachla = *Andropogon Nardus*, Linn. Subsp. *khasianus*, Hack.
Ubdar gin } = *Arthraxon lanceolatus*, Hochst.
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